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# Total solidarity with Israel, support of Soviet Jewry aim of nation-wide rallies

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
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TORONTO –

Across Canada this weekend, thousands are expected to attend Simchat Torah rallies showing solidarity with Israel and unity with Soviet Jews.

Meyer Bick, national executive director of the Canada-Israel Committee, announced the transformation of the annual Simchat Torah rallies to include the solidarity with Israel theme.

In Toronto, it was announced the rally would begin Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. at Queen's Park. A torchlight march, led by rabbis carrying Sifrei Torah, would then move to Nathan Phillips Square. Rally chairman is Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, CIC Central Region chairman.

It was hoped a number of political, church and labor leaders would be present on the platform at City Hall.

CIC officials are expecting a turnout of 20,000 in Toronto. They urged Jews across the country to attend the rallies in their communities and show solidarity with Israel and Soviet Jewry.

Bick spoke about the change in the rallies after a news conference held by the CIC leadership following a 2 1/2 hour meeting of 40 representatives from across Canada. The CIC represents all principal Jewish organizations including the Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Aaron Pollack of Montreal, CIC chairman, said the group met in emergency session "to express solidarity with the people of the state of Israel and resolved to bend every effort to assist the noble and courageous defence of the state of Israel."

Irwin Cotler, a law professor at McGill University and an expert on Arab-Israeli relations, handled most of the news conference.

There's clear and inconvertible evidence that there was an unprovoked and premeditated attack by Syria and Egypt, he said. Yet there has been no condemnation by world statesmen, he declared.

"What would have been the reaction if Israel had launched the attack?" he asked.

He pointed out every measure had been tried to resolve the Mideast conflict except the procedure of negotiations between the parties involved. "Only parties to the conflict can be parties to the peace," he emphasized.

The war has demonstrated the need for secure and recognized boundaries for Israel, he said. If she did not have the territories presently held, "the fighting would have been in the streets of Jerusalem."

Cotler criticized the media for "dehumanizing coverage" of the war. "War is being regarded as a spectator sport," he said.

He said aid by the U.S. to the Arabs (militarily and economically) from 1954 to 1973 exceeds that of the U.S. to Israel. On a daily basis, the revenue of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Libya is astronomical in comparison to the funds Jews can raise, he added.

Philip Givens, CZF national president, wondered why Israel had lost the status of the underdog. "On the ratio of manpower of the Arabs and their supporters, I can't see how Israel does not rate the underdog position."

## *Montreal station censured by the CIC*

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL –

A major French language radio station was censured last week by the Canada-Israel Committee for broadcasting "the most virulent racist and anti-Semitic attack against Israel in the annals of Canadian broadcasting.

On Oct. 9, the committee wired this message to Pierre Juneau, chairman of the Canadian Radio and Television Commission, criticizing radio station CKAC and Roger Delorme the host of the daily open line show called **Future Shock**.

"The program and attack by host, Roger Delorme," says the telegram, "was an unforgivable insult against Jews in this country as well as in Israel. We ask that you immediately obtain tapes of the program and take whatever action you can within the framework of the CRTC regulation."

The telegram was signed by Aaron Pollack, chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee, and Myer Bick, the organization's National Director.

The official complaint is the first of its kind to accuse a broadcasting institution of committing anti-Semitism and the proceedings are likely to be closely watched.

A CRTC spokesman in Ottawa told **The Canadian Jewish News** that according to procedure, the complaint is now in the hands of the legal department which at the time of writing was sitting in British Columbia. However, the legal department requested program tapes from the radio station, an action confirmed by informed sources.

According to Bick, the CIC has been closely listening to the **Future Shock** program for four or five months and that complaints to station producers and owners have been made.

Bick said that a day after the issuing of the complaint Delorme spoke on his program "and to add insult to injury he said he couldn't

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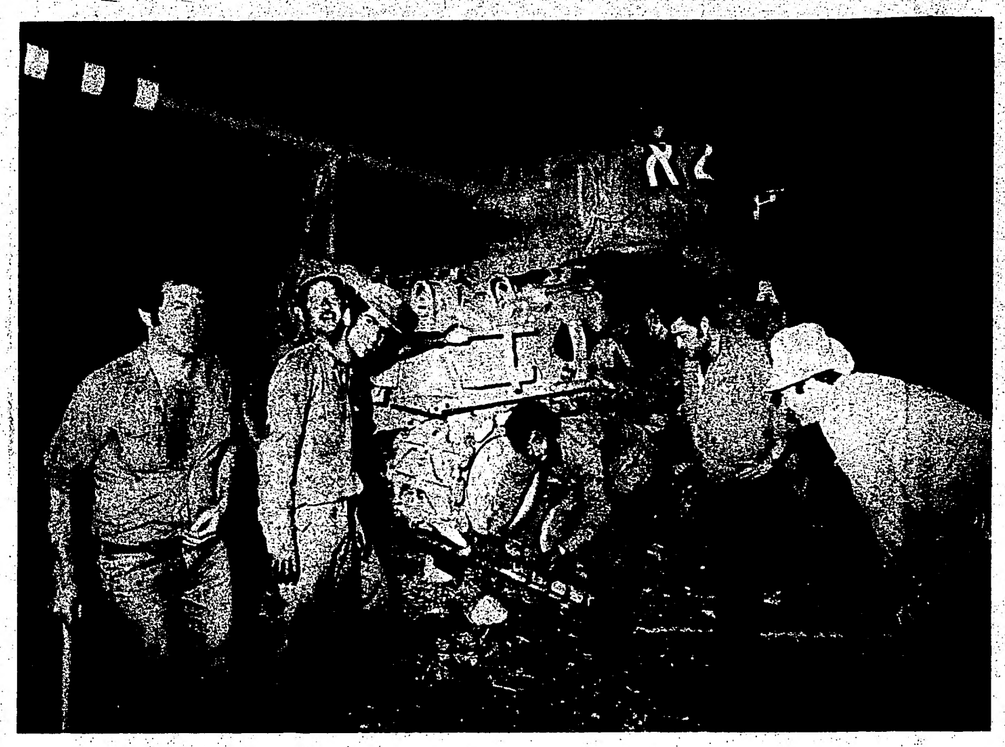

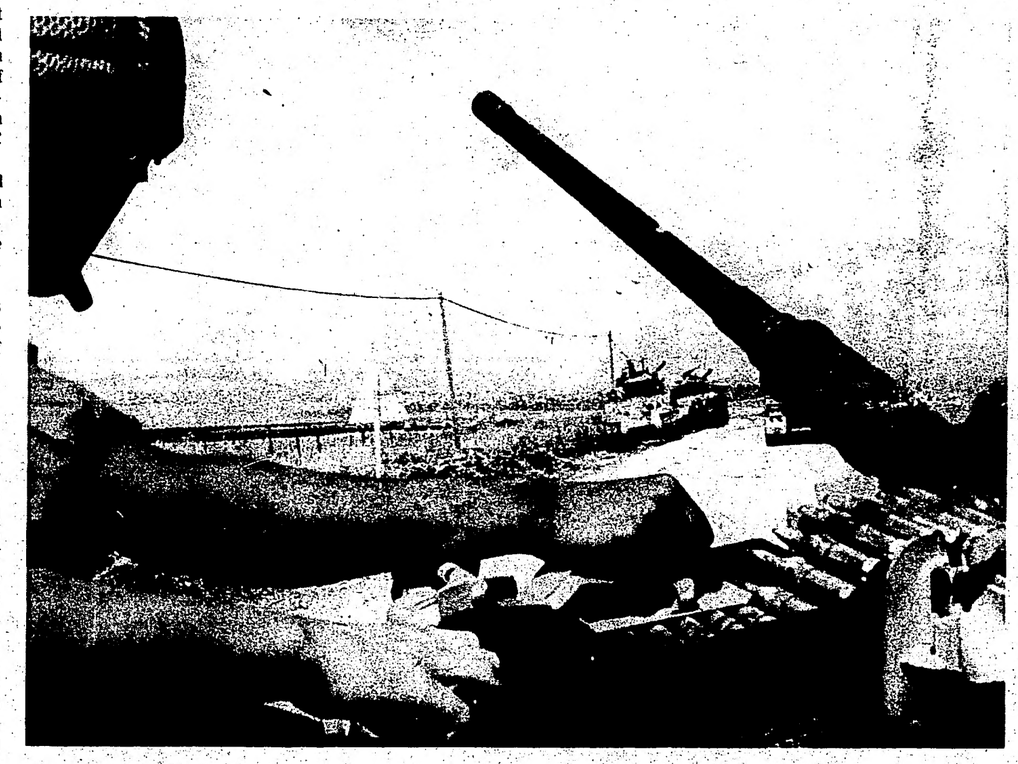

## *For 4th time, their blood flows*

**Action on the Golan Heights early this week was fierce as Syria supported by troops from other Arab nations sought to hold back advancing Israeli troops. Top, Israeli soldiers returning from action check over a tank. Another tank is seen in operation below. Casualty reports from fighting in the Golan Heights were higher than the 1967 war. (IPPA photos)**

## *Granovsky urges United Way help*

TORONTO –

Continued support from the Jewish community of the United Way campaign, now in progress, is essential despite the emergency in Israel, Phil Granovsky declared in a statement this week.

Granovsky, president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, pointed out that fund-raising activities by the United Jewish Appeal during the past week have concentrated only on cash collections of pledges made for the 1973 UJA campaign earlier in the year and that this should in no way detract from the usual support given by the community to the United Way.

Granovsky said that, "as residents of this great city of Toronto, living in a free and democratic Canada, we have a responsibility to do our share in supporting the work of the 75 agencies in the United Way. A number of these agencies provide vital services to the Jewish community."

Granovsky said he realizes that the Jewish community's principal concern at this time is for Israel . . . "and rightly so." But, he added, life must go on in Toronto and "we must not forget that thousands of people here are also depending on us for social services that are available to them only through the help of the United Way.

**Phil Granovsky**

# Israel's Arabs offer services

By ARTHUR GARMAISE
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV –

A wave of pain has washed over us at the news of our war casualties. At a time like this it is easy to lump all Arabs in one column as people bent on our annihilation, and that even our own Arab population is not to be trusted.

And yet there are touching signs of goodwill on the part of Israeli Arabs. They find themselves in a most difficult position, but many have come forward with offers to help. Like the Arab residents of Tarshika applying to the Maalot-Tarshika local council, asking permission for a group of volunteers to assist in essential work.

Or the telegram from the chairman of the Umelfahm local council to President Katzir, Mrs. Meir and Moshe Dayan, saying, "we are prepared for any sacrifice we shall be asked to make."

Meanwhile, our enemies are spurred on by the idea of Jihad, "the struggle for God." They claim they are fighting "for Allah, for Islam, for humanity." It is significant that the fighting is occuring during the Moslem holy month of Ramadan. During this time, they believe the souls of soldiers who die in battle ascend directly to heaven.

Succoth is a traditionally happy holiday in Israel. This year it is a grim one for the nation. A near-tearful Golda Meir has warned Israelis to prepare for a prolonged conflict. Today, there is the memory of the wail of a frightened child scooped up out of the succah and sunlight and rushed into the darkness of an air raid shelter.

The men interviewed at the front may sound exultant, moderately optimistic or cautious, but back home the women are not caught up in an emotional swing. Their one thought is for a husband or a son; is he safe? Many I have talked to have slept few hours since Yom Kippur. For them there is the waiting, the listening.

The time perspective for the conflict has been extended and now we know that this will be no mopping up operation. Abba Eban made this clear when he spoke of the gigantic size of the Egyptian mobilization. And so the civilian population goes about its daily tasks but life is not normal, and the signs of war are everywhere.

Family news is being broadcast to the front lines, just as frontline news is being broadcast back to the cities. The army radio station tells the fighting men of the birth of a son or daughter, of how relatives fared in hospital. There was even an item telling a soldier that his wife's aching tooth had been successfully removed.

Schools are open though there isn't much progress being made with lessons. Teachers have to compete with transistor radios brought by pupils. Fortunately, the kindergarten in Migdal Haemek and the school in Kibbutz Gvat were empty when Russian "frog" missiles rained on the buildings.

Two-ton rockets with 1,100-pound warheads have a range of 40 miles and can be fired by the Syrians back of the ceasefire lines.

Chaim Heffer has written the first of the war poems, a touching piece called **The Fifth Time**. . . "We asked it should not happen a fifth time . . . we beseech it may not happen a sixth."

# Name Cohon to head emergency Bond campaign

TORONTO –

George A. Cohon has been named chairman of Toronto's Emergency State of Israel Bond Drive which went into immediate operation following Arab attacks against Israel on Yom Kippur.

The announcement of Cohon's appointment was made in a joint statement by Allan Bronfman, president of State of Israel Bonds, Canada; and Donald Lipman, general chairman, State of Israel Bonds, Toronto. They referred to Cohon as "a highly-regarded and influential business and community leader who was one of the first major Bond supporters to rally immediate cash support for Israel through a meeting at his home on Monday, Oct. 8, which raised close to $1 million in less than an hour."

Cohon is president of McDonald's restaurants of Canada Limited, and an officer in numerous community organizations and institutions including Holy Blossom Temple, Mount Sinai Hospital and the JNF, in addition to his intense involvement in the Israel Bond effort.

"Toronto Jewry's response to Israel's crisis is clearly apparent when you see the daily tabulation of nearly $1 million in Israel Bond cheques being brought to the Bond office each day since the war began," Cohon declared. "Every division in the Bond organization, every synagogue, every organization has accepted to mobilize its total capability of raising cash Bond dollars for Israel – to call every member and collect the cash for every old and every new commitment. With the war costing Israel $500 million a day in material and a priceless toll in human terms, this must be for each of us in Toronto a time for all-out effort and all-out action," the Emergency Campaign Chairman asserted.

A renewed Yiskor Appeal was undertaken in all Toronto congregations on Shemini Azereth, Oct. 18, in order to enable congregants to increase their High Holy Day Appeal pledges made before the Arab attacks on Yom Kippur, according to Nathan Arback, chairman of the synagogue division of the Bond campaign.

In a direct telephone report to a meeting of Toronto Bond leaders, Simcha Dinitz, Israel's ambassador to Washington, told of driving to the airport from the emergency cabinet meeting in Jerusalem called on Yom Kippur and seeing boys coming out of the synagogues "folding their talith and putting on uniforms as they entered into trucks and other vehicles waiting for them to take them to the front."

**George A. Cohon**

Ambassador Dinitz continued, "The great thing we have, as we had in the past, is the spirit of our people; their morale; their dedication and their knowing what they are doing and what they are doing it for. They know these heroes stand today in the front line and they are not alone, because behind them stand the nation, united, dedicated; and behind this nation and with this nation stand the Jewish people such as you in Canada and throughout the Jewish world.

"You have always known in the past to rise like one person in case of trouble, and today too, not only your eyes are on us – our eyes are on you. It is therefore top priority for you to do everything in your power, yourself, and by activating your friends to rally in this hour of emergency."

The closing words of Dinitz's message were, "I know that our boys, fathers and mothers do their share. I am also confident that you, too, will do yours."

# Sharp supports 'a free Israel'

OTTAWA –

External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp told the Commons this week "Israel is entitled to live behind secure and recognizable boundaries."

Answering Opposition questions, Sharp said Israel has the right to live as a sovereign state and that the Canadian Government would continue to support Israel as a free and independent nation.

Former Conservative Prime Minister John Diefenbaker asked whether the government had condemned the combined Egyptian – Syrian attack as unjustified under international law. The minister said he did not believe such a statement is likely to bring about a settlement of hostilities.

"We have, however, done everything we can to make known Canada's views that this kind of warfare is not likely to settle anything," Sharp told the House.

Diefenbaker, a longtime critic of Canada's foreign policy, asked if the External Affairs minister had informed the Arab states that the attack made on Israel was "an act of naked aggression."

Replied Sharp: "I have expressed a view which is widely shared throughout the world, and which is based upon the observations of the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization, that the attack on this occasion came from Egypt and Syria."

## *Woman's aliyah tribute to Golda*

By MARCIA KRETZMER
TORONTO –

A packed congregation in Beth Tikvah Synagogue witnessed an unprecedented departure from form during Sabbath services last week, when a woman was called to the Torah.

Beth Tikvah's Rabbi Herbert Feder described the occasion as a "symbolic salute to Golda Meir, a wonderful matriarch in these very perilous times."

He said that the seventh aliyah had been given to a woman who had played a major part in co-ordinating fund raising efforts in aid of Israel.

Rabbi Feder refused to identify the woman who had received the aliyah, describing her as a very modest person who was overawed by the occasion. "Not she, but Golda Meir was the person being honored and had Golda Meir been in shul, she would have received the aliyah," he said.

Rabbi Feder denied vigorously that this step constituted any kind of a breakthrough in the controversy surrounding the issue of the inclusion of women in the minyan.

A decision favoring such inclusion was reached recently by the Halacha commission of the Conservative Rabbinical Assembly in New York. However the majority of Conservative synagogues have either pronounced against implementation of this decision or have taken a non-committal attitude.

"This occasion had no other connotation than appreciation for this leader of our people," stated Rabbi Feder. "It was also meant to honor the women of our synagogue for their efforts and work in raising money for Israel."

A woman congregant described the occasion as "absolutely beautiful and extremely moving." She felt that such a departure from form was absolutely warranted in a situation where life is concerned, where blood is flowing."

She said that ordinarily she would be appalled by the idea of a woman receiving an aliyah.

# Civilians praised

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN-Israel Correspondent

REHOVOT –

The victory when it comes – and it will come – will belong not only to those who did the fighting but to the whole population which once again has responded in extraordinary manner to the Arab challenge.

Wounded veterans demand to be called up, if not to serve at the front at least to pack ammunition or wash dishes. Other citizens also frantically looked for something to do. Hospitals were first on every would-be volunteer's list; indeed, some called for police help to control crowds clamoring to care for wounded or donate blood. Among the donors were many tourists anxious to do their part before leaving the country.

Most insistent volunteers were Russian immigrants. A group of 500 who landed at Lod Airport on the third day of the war immediately demanded, "give us something to do." Even ultra-Orthodox groups in Jerusalem which ordinarily refuse to co-operate with "the Zionists," played a part. It took the form of 100 at a time reciting psalms in the public square.

It all proved once again that in times of crisis when the chips are down, Israelis share a common purpose unequalled by any people anywhere.

David Elazar, (right) Israel chief of staff, arrives by helicopter at the Golan Heights. At the left is Yitzhak Rabin, former chief of staff and ex-ambassador to the United States.

Israeli troops march towards the northern front and the war with Syria on the Golan Heights. There were many casualties before Israel retook the area.

Mobilized reservists in Israel get a meal before being sent to the front. Throughout the world, Jews and non-Jews expressed solidarity with the state of Israel. (IPPA photos)

# European and North American Jewry rally to Israel's support

NEW YORK (JTA) -

A groundswell of support for Israel's defence against the attack by Egyptians and Syrian armed forces on Yom Kippur was expressed by Jewish and non-Jewish leaders throughout the world.

The theme of all messages and statements was that the two Arab countries had crossed the ceasefire lines in an unprovoked and premeditated assault on the Jewish state. At the same time, huge rallies continued in various major cities where waves of demonstrators expressed their solidarity with Israel.

In many cities, too, police authorities took extra precautions to guard Israeli, Jewish and Arab installations against attacks. Throughout the United States there were reports of unprecedented responses as donations poured in. Switchboards were jammed in the offices of the United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bond Organization almost around the clock. A UJA spokesman said donations were pouring into the national office at a greater rate than expected. He termed the response "unprecedented". A Bonds spokesman termed the response "fantastic".

Throughout this country and abroad, Jews and non-Jews continued to express solidarity with the Jewish state. The Jewish communities of Denmark and Sweden have rallied massively in support of Israel. Thousands of Danish and Swedish Kroners have been flowing into special funds established throughout the two countries. Many Danish citizens and soldiers have been coming to the Israeli embassy offering to serve as volunteers.

Israeli citizens have been trying to get back home to join the fighting. In Brussels, a delegation of 45 representatives of the Belgian Jewish community and the rabbinical corps went to the Israeli embassy to "express it's identification with Israel" and its "unconditional support."

More than 500 Belgian Jews have volunteered for the Israeli army, joined by some non-Jews. Blood transfusion centres have been opened in Brussels and Antwerp.

In Amsterdam the three Dutch trade union organizations expressed their solidarity with Israel as they welcomed the European representative of the Histadrut.

More than 2,000 persons attended a solidarity meeting with Israel at the Jewish Cultural Center which was addressed by parliamentary, Labor Party and Roman Catholic spokesmen.

In Paris, strong police concentrations have been massed in the Belleville area of the city to prevent possible Arab-Jewish fighting. Police have also increased their guards at Jewish and Israeli installations in the French capital. The Israeli consulate in Paris reported that hundreds of volunteers have been streaming in asking to enlist in the Israeli army and hundreds of others have phoned offering financial contributions to Israel's armed forces. In Bonn, security measures have been tightened up still further at the Israeli embassy and other Israeli installations in West Germany.

In Paris, over 20,000 persons rallied on behalf of Israel at a meeting organized by the Paris Committee for the Support of Israel. Daniel Mayer, president of the Human Rights League, attacked French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert who had earlier said one could not call aggressors those states which try to recover territory which belongs to them. "Such a statement is not diplomacy but dishonor," Mayer said.

In London, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, sent a message to Premier Golda Meir stating: "On behalf of the entire World Jewish Congress, I convey to you and to the people of Israel assurances of fullest solidarity in your just and valiant fight against an attack by enemy forces." The chief rabbi of the British Commonwealth, Dr. Immanuel Jacobovits, has instructed rabbis and ministers of synagogues to arrange for the recital of special psalms after every service during the present time of crisis."

# *It's easy to overlook Jewish poor in Los Angeles*

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES (JCNS) -

"If you're poor, you can't be Jewish," they tell me at the market. At the welfare office, the Chicanos (Mexican-Americans) and Blacks have pressure groups working for them, but no one speaks for the needy Jew. The newspapers and movies are in Spanish, and I don't like to go out on the street. I can't be near my own kind, and I am not wanted where I live now."

The woman's letter was received by the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles shortly after publication of its year-long study on the Jewish poor, and in a few paragraphs it encapsulated a mountain of statistics.

Mrs. A, the letter writer, is aged, alone, and tries to live on $200 a month in an eastern part of Los Angeles which was a thriving centre of lower-middle class Jewish life 30 years ago. She stayed behind as her neighbors moved to the higher-class west side and Mexican-Americans moved in. She is cut off from the Jewish community, physically and spiritually, an alien in her own city.

It is easy to overlook the poor in Los Angeles, especially the Jewish poor. The tourist thinks of Hollywood, Beverly Hills, the palm-ringed mansions, the bikini-fringed swimming pools and beaches.

The Jewish poor are scattered throughout this expanse and no concentrated Jewish slums shock the eye or shake the conscience. In any case, there are no crowded, rat-infested tenements on the New York model, even in the poor Black and Chicano areas.

Because the Jewish poor in Los Angeles are largely invisible, the detailed report by the Jewish Federation Council on their existence has come as a double shock to a Jewish community that prides itself both on its affluence and social conscience. The primary statistics show:

- About 30,000 Jewish households, or one in every six, made up of 55,000 individuals, fall below the poverty line;

- Jewish poor are concentrated at different ends of the age spectrum, with 30% of the total in the 50-64 age group, while 23% are teenagers, 22% are over 65, 6% between 20 and 29, and fewer than 2% are between 30 and 49 years of age;

- Seven out of 10 poor Jewish households are headed by, or consist of, a woman, frequently widowed and aged, or a divorcee with children;

- Poverty, in the report, is defined as total household earnings of less than $4,000 per year, or $333 per month. Out of this, apartment dwellers pay a median of $125 a month rent.

# Labor union backs Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) -

George Meany, president of AFL-CIO sent a cable to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, which read: "I have today wired Y. Meshel, acting Secretary General of Histadrut, to express the AFL-CIO's solidarity with and full support of Israel, the Histadrut and the Israeli workers in their struggle for a free society based on decency and social justice."

Continuing, the labor leader stated: "I urge you in this grave hour of the Israeli nation to give clear and strong voice" to the heartfelt sentiments not only of our membership but to the overwhelming majority of all Americans. "The ignominous Syrian and Egyptian aggression launched on the holiest Jewish holiday has but one purpose - the destruction of Israel and, with it, of democracy in the Middle East," Meany said. He noted that the role of the USSR in supplying the Arab nations and urged the U.S. to act upon its commitment to insure the survival of Israel."


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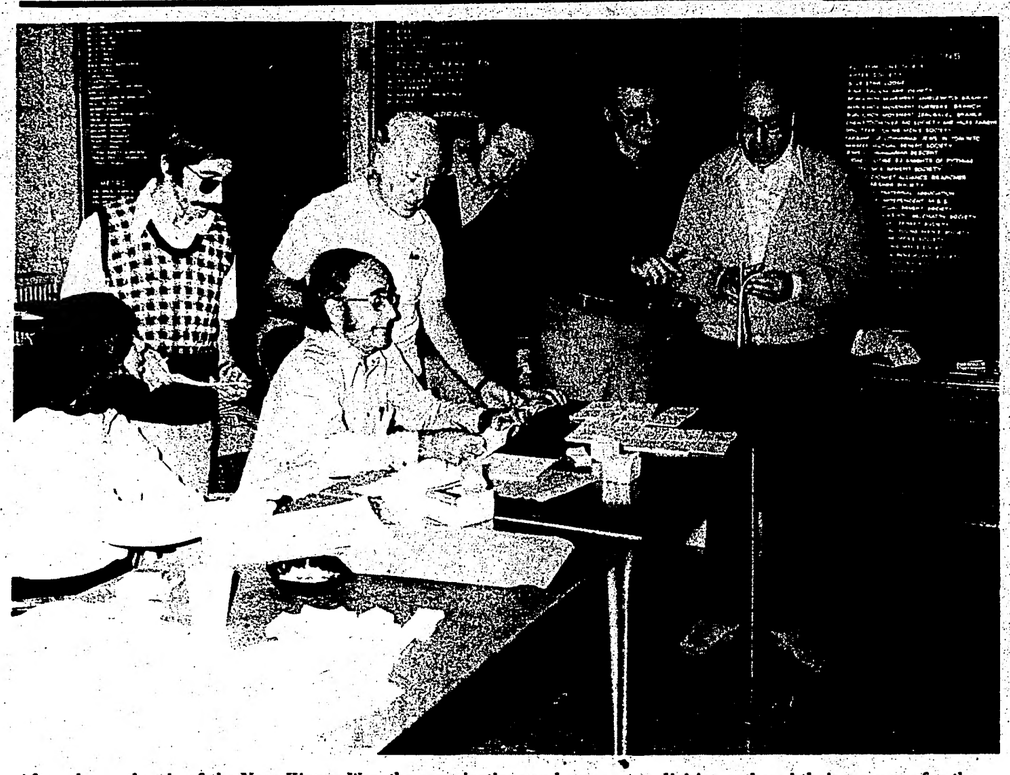

After the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War, the organizations and synagogues division gathered their resources for the pull-in of outstanding 1973 United Jewish Appeal—Israel Special cards. Checking the lists from the left are Mike Harris, Ralph Snow, Max Aitken, Morris Flicht, Jerry Blitzer and Alex Serota. The 1974 campaign gets underway shortly.

# 2,000 Ottawa Jews told of Israel's grave danger

By GARY LEVINE
CJN Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA – Yosef Yaakov, counsellor of the Israeli Embassy, says that at the start of the Arab attacks on Israel on the Day of Atonement "notwithstanding the other Arab states, just Egypt and Syria had almost 4,000 tanks encircling Israel from the north and south, the largest single military offensive force ever assembled anywhere, at any time, including World War II."

Speaking Sunday before nearly 2,000 members of the Ottawa Jewish Community, who had gathered on less than 48 hours' notice in the city's Beth Shalom Synagogue for a "Cash Mobilization for Israel" rally, Yaakov disclaimed any desire on the part of the Israeli government for expansion or political domination of the Middle East.

"Our motive is not a political one," said Yaakov. "Our motive is one of essential survival – survival within defensible borders, within invulnerable security."

Rabbi J. B. Friedberg of the Agudath Israel Synagogue spoke of the meaning which the state of Israel has contributed to Jews living in the Diaspora.

"We Jews here in the Diaspora," he said "have been able to walk with our heads high and our backs straight for 25 years. But the price of our high heads and straight backs has been very high. The price has been rivers of blood and tons of limbs and shattered hopes and dreams for so many men and so many families."

Rabbi Friedberg asserted that if the state of Israel were to be destroyed "my life would have no meaning; your life would have no meaning."

# Catholic aids Israel by toiling on kibbutz

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
and MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Staff Reporters

Jacques Lasalle, 29, a French-Canadian Catholic, may not reflect the ethnic composition of Canadian volunteers who have offered to assist Israel, but his passion to see the Jewish state safely through the present crisis, stands as an example to all.

Tall and lean, Lasalle was one of 30 who left on the first chartered El Al flight from New York this week with the intention of working the kibbutz harvests while Israeli fighters man defence points throughout the country.

This is his second trip during Israel's times of crisis. Lasalle first volunteered in 1967 when he found himself as a tourist in Paris.

He has worked for the Canadian Zionist Federation for several months, and has a degree in law from the University of Sherbrooke. He visits French student groups and assists in the editing of **Regards Sur Israel**, a French language magazine published by the Canada-Israel Committee.

"I'm going to Israel for the same reason as in 1967 – simply because I have the need to do something," said Lasalle who married his wife Lucienne in Israel. "It's one big family there and you don't let your family down."

Thousands of young Canadian Jews have volunteered to go to Israel although Israel is only accepting people as part of the regular six-month kibbutz program. The Jerusalem government has not called for volunteers.

According to Haim Haham, director of the Jewish Agency's Youth and Hechalutz department in Montreal, he is being beseiged by volunteers. He sees on the average day about 40 people in the morning only, not to mention the calls and visits he has received during the middle of the night.

In Toronto, Jewish Agency official David Ein Dar said more than 1,000 applications to go to Israel had been received.

By Monday, seven volunteers from Toronto had been sent to New York to join a North American group going to Israel. The seven are Mark Resnick, Rick Pottens, Lynn Sadowski, Judy Applebaum, Steve Kornberg, Phil Bar and Irv Laskin.

They were selected on the basis of interviews with an Israeli representative and screening by a social worker. Many other Canadian volunteers were expected to be sent to Israel this week.

An official processing volunteers at the Zionist Centre on Marlee Avenue said they fit into three categories – Israelis living in Canada, Canadian Jews – in the main young people – and non-Jews.

Many other persons have gone to Israel on their own, not under any official auspices, said the official. Names are taken of all volunteers who are not able or willing to go on the six-month program. They will be called if needed.

Outside Ein Dar's office, there were six students waiting to be interviewed. A skeleton staff was on duty on account of the Succoth holiday. Down the hall in the Israel Aliyah office, the phones rang constantly with callers ranging from person to an ex-army Canadian demolition expert volunteering to serve in the Israeli armed forces.

While waiting to be interviewed, Ellen Sokoloff, a 20-year-old second year York University student, told **The Canadian Jewish News**: "Whatever they tell me to do, I'm willing to help."

Ellen, daughter of Julius and Anne Sokoloff, was in Israel previously for two years. She speaks Hebrew fluently. "I realize it would mean losing a year at school," she said. "But the idea you're needed and doing something in line with what you've thought all your life comes first."

Lynn Sadowski, 21, a third year student at York, who left for Israel Sunday, said: "Israel has two needs – money and manpower. Our parents' generation will supply the money and we will be the manpower."

And Moroccan-born Amram Bensadon, 23, an apprentice carpenter, is giving up his position to pick oranges. Why? "I can't express it in words. I just feel I have to go."

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CARROTS, CARATS AND KARATS

We don't measure diamonds and gold by vegetable-bin standards, of course. However, with the price of food being what it is, the grocers may have to start selling their products by jewellers' standards. I can hear it now, "10 carats of carrots, please." Or, "let me have 2 lbs. of 18 karat top sirloin, please."

Enough fantasy. Non-jeweller types are often confused by some of our terms, so I thought I would use this space to talk about measuring gold and diamonds.

Karat – abbreviated Kt. or K – is used to express the pure gold content by weight in gold alloys, it is used to show the proportion of fine gold to the metal with which it is alloyed. Pure gold is 24 karat. Any alloy og gold is known by its proportion by weight of fine gold. 18 karat is 18/24 of fine gold! 14 karat is 14/24 of fine gold . . . The balance may be an alloy of other metals, usually a combination of silver and copper. In white gold, nickel is used.

If karat gold is applied to a base metal, it is called gold filled, rolled gold plate or just gold plate. All gold jewellery should be marked to show its gold content, and the maker's trademark must be included.

Gemstones are measured by the very old unit of weight, the carat. The carat weight was originally the seed of a tree that is common in the Middle East, the carob tree. Its fruit is a bean pod inside of which are many small seeds. The ancient pearl merchants of the Middle East discovered that when these seeds were dried they were exceedingly uniform in weight and adopted them as units of weights for pearls. The Greek word for carob is keration, hence our word carat.

One carat is one fifth, 0.2, of a gram. 142 carats equals one ounce. The weight of a diamond of one and a quarter carats is expressed as: 1.25 ct. It is common practice to call the hundredths "points". 0.50 ct. is fifty points, 0.05 ct. is five points . . .

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Two Canadians, actor Lorne Green (left) and producer Harry Rasky look at the replica of the temple in Jerusalem as it could have been in Herodian times. The men were in Jerusalem to film a 90-minute historical documentary for the CBC. (Israel Govt. Tourist Office)

## *Israelis are facing hostile world; we must look to our own for help*

As Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut pointed out in his most eloquent and moving address to the mass meeting of Toronto Jews last week, neither the 1967 ceasefire lines nor the occupied territories is the real issue in the Middle East.

The real issue, the rabbi told his audience, is the very existence of Israel as a state. Even a cursory examination of the evidence accumulated in the past 25 years of Israel's troubled statehood, shows how terribly correct the rabbi is. The Arab leadership has time and time again made it all too clear that they regard a Jewish state as an abomination, one that must be eliminated even at the cost of rivers of spilled Jewish blood and laying waste all that Israel has achieved.

The Six Day War of 1967 is only a short distance down the road of history, and we remember only too well the denunciation directed at Israel for the pre-emptive strike at the massed Arab armies on her border. The Third World nations and their supporters screamed aggressor, murderers and called upon the United Nations to punish the "Jewish imperialists." Remember the violence of the outcry? Conveniently forgotten was the fact that had not Israel struck first at a foe about to pounce, the undefendable borders would have permitted the enemy to bring the centres of large population under shellfire.

What provocation, apart from the fact of its existence, did Israel give for the combined Egyptian-Syrian offensive on Yom Kippur day, 1973? Were Israel's armies and armor poised to attack Egypt and Syria? There is much that is confusing and contrary about what is happening in the Middle East, but one stark fact cannot be challenged; Egypt and Syria launched the attack on two fronts, choosing the most sacred day in the Jewish calendar for the resort to arms.

We ask: Where is the outcry today over this naked aggression? Where is the wave of protest similar to that triggered by Israel's pre-emptive thrust in 1967? For the most part there is a shameful silence broken only by the abuse showered on Israel in that impotent, sterile forum of nations in New York.

"It is no accident," said Rabbi Plaut, "that billions of people are allied against us - Russia, China, India - without cause, without reason. We understand why the Arabs are arraigned against Israel, although we can never understand nor condone the evil they have committed in using a national conflict for fostering anti-Semitism."

Apart from the United States, Israel has few friends. The lesson taught by our tortured history is that we must look to our own for help in times of trial. With very few exceptions, Israel faces a hostile world; hostile either by act or indifference, and we Jews who live in this blessed land of Canada must come to the aid of our brothers across the sea.

Just as those of other ancestries in Canada have a nostalgic affection for their native lands - the English, the Scots, the Irish and many more - so do Canadian Jews have a love for Israel, and that love in no way dilutes the strength of the feelings we have for Canada. There is no question of dual loyalty, and those who raise it are doing us a gross disservice and their motives in so doing are suspect.

## *No apologies necessary for aid given by Canadian Jews to Israel*

The magnificent response of Canadian Jewry to Israel's need for aid in financing the war of aggression launched against her, has aroused doubts among some of our community leaders as to the wisdom of publicizing this outpouring of money. These misgivings were increased when the CBC National News contrasted the large sums raised by Jews with the meagre amount collected by the small Arab population in this country.

What the CBC failed to say, at least in this particular edition of the National News, was that when it comes to giving money, the Jews of the world, despite their generous response, are not in the same league with the oil-rich Arab sheikdoms. Hundreds of millions of dollars have gone from the coffers of Libya, Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to Egypt and Syria for the purchase of planes, tanks and other military supplies. And that's only part of the story. Russia has poured the latest military hardware into the Middle East, not only in the years prior to the latest outbreak, but at the present time.

We have no reason to doubt the truth of a recent statement by Prof. Irwin Cotler, a professor of international law at McGill University, that between 1954 and 1973, the United States has supplied more economic aid to the Arab states than was given Israel.

There is no need for Canadian Jews to play down the fact that they are giving of their means - often at considerable personal sacrifice - to help Israel survive, for make no mistake, survival is what is at stake in this war. We can't bear arms, or send tanks or planes, but we can do one thing, and that is give money to help replenish the dwindling money resources of Israel. This is what Canadian Jewry has done, and is continuing to do, and we don't have to apologize for it or agonize over what the reaction of the non-Jewish community might be. That there are many wealthy Jews in Canada is no secret. But we have many who are in humble circumstances, and they have not hestitated to give generously from their limited resources.

While Israel is our chief concern, the Jewish community is not bypassing its domestic responsibilities; the need to support the United Way campaign. Elsewhere in this issue, is an appeal by Mr. Phil Granovsky, president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, for support of this campaign. We are confident the Jewish community will strain its resources if necessary to keep faith with those who are helped by this annual appeal.

## Druse attitudes conflict

By MOSHE RON
CJN Jerusalem Correspondent

JERUSALEM -

Tradition and modernity is causing conflicting attitudes towards Druse women, a study by Israeli daily **Davar's** editor, Hana Zemer, has shown.

One soldier spoke, in the study, against female military service saying it was contrary to Druse tradition and religion. Druse life, he said, has remained constant for centuries with women destined to stay at home and care for her husband and children. No education or social life, he continued, is necessary for her and it is unimaginable that a Druse woman would run armed about a parade-ground.

Women should serve in the army, disagreed another soldier, in order to safeguard the progress of the Druse minority, all loyal Israelis who take part in its life. Citing as example a neighbor of his village, who is a high government official, he said the man helps with his household and child while his wife studies at university and only dons traditional Druse clothing to prove education does not interfere with tradition.

"If the Druse young man will have the moral power to separate himself from the traditions of his father, the women will go in his steps," yet another said. Nevertheless, some women are apparently unprepared for such liberation, as shown by his brother's wife. Despite progressive attitudes of his brother, he said, he wife is unwilling to share in decision-making due to her upbringing.

Other soldiers, while favoring female emancipation, said the "time was not yet ripe" for new trends such as short skirts, which is becoming increasingly evident as young Druse fight, somewhat hesitatingly, for change. An even harder line was taken by one soldier, who yearned for a young Druse leader favoring progress and assimilation and who would "free them from the chains of tradition and religion."

## Once bright Herut Party star, Weizman seems to be fading in political world

By ROYSTON ALLEN
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV -

Royston Allen

The once bright star of the right wing Herut party, Ezer Weizman, 51, appears to be on the wane. At one point in his political career, he was tipped in many circles as the man to take over the helm when Menahem Begin retired.

Yet now Weizman, nephew of the first president of Israel, Chaim Weizmann, has refused any offer of reconciliation between him and Begin after a series of rows which culminated in Ezer telling Begin he would not stand for parliament this year because of the "disgraceful and disgusting way" Herut joined forces with other parties to form the opposition "Likud".

Weizman's military career is legendary here. After forming the nucleus of the Israeli air force and rising to be its commanding officer, he then jumped overnight into politics as minister of transport on the Herut-Liberal (Gahal) ticket.

And then the decline seemingly began.

When Gahal walked out of the National Unity government rather than accept UN security council resolution 242, Weizman not being a member of parliament, lost his job and was shifted into the party political hierarchy. This was no fault of his but seemed to be a turning point, for from then on, the brilliance started fading.

The Israeli political scandal magazine **HaOlam HaZeh** recently put forward three main reasons for "what has happened to Ezer."

The first point mentioned is Ezer's son Shaul who was one of the first wounded in the war of attrition on the Suez front. He took a bullet straight between the eyes and during subsequent operations by the country's top brain surgeon, who was waiting in Jerusalem when the army helicopter brought him in after the shooting, lost portions of his brain.

He partly recovered and again enlisted in the IDF - some say because his father was "not too happy" about Shaul being invalided out. Again he was wounded and never fully recovered.

Weizman is known to be a hard man who expects others to match his own personal standards and Shaul appears to have tried but not succeeded. Consequently during one of Ezer's most difficult periods in his post-military career, the tragedy of Shaul occupied his mind more than politics.

Ezer's failure to oust Begin from the top party position also worried him. His past a history of success - due to his personal ability and personality - his future seemed in doubt. Ezer played second fiddle in a political orchestra conducted by Begin. **HaOlam HaZeh** also states Ezer was jealous of Arik Sharon and this jealousy was the final straw.

Sharon is another former army general, who quickly jumped into Gahal politics from a brilliant military career. He achieved in a few scant weeks what Ezer had unsuccessfully tried for for years - bring centre and right wing parties to consider and talk about a coalition. The magazine reports that Ezer tried to torpedo the preliminary merger talks out of pique.

His personal life appears to have undergone change. His drinking has reportedly increased to such an extent that his conversation at parties is virtually unintelligible, his friends recently have been "embarrassed for him."

Just what the future holds for Ezer is uncertain. If he can pull out from the psychological nose dive he is in, more people will be relieved and happy than disgruntled for he is a capable and likeable person.

Financial cares are low on his list of priorities. While not rolling in wealth, Ezer invested most of his severance pay from the air force and formed an import-export company with Foca Hirch, aging Israeli playboy who was fined recently for massive income tax frauds.

Mrs. Ezer Weizman's father is a wealthy man - a lawyer with a thriving practice in Jerusalem (incidentally Mrs. Weisman is the sister of Moshe Dayan's former wife).

Perhaps his days as an activist in the Gahal faction are numbered - this depends to an extent on whether he can make up with Begin or not. In any case he would probably have to take a lesser part - if not a back seat - with Sharon the new rising star in the Herut firmament. For a man who has spent a lifetime in the limelight, this would not be an easy move.

## ask the rabbi

### *Differences between groups are explained*

***1. I am confused over the differences between Reform and Liberal. What are the differences?***

In Britain the Liberals are more to the left than Reform, the differences being almost entirely in the realm of practice. In Liberal synagogues men are generally allowed to sit bare-headed and there is generally less Hebrew in the service than in Reform synagogues. Some Reform synagogues have a cantor to lead the congregation in the traditional chants but this is unknown in Liberal synagogues. Reform demands that a get be delivered before a marriage can be dissolved but the Liberals rely solely on the civil divorce.

Reform adopts the traditional position that it is the status of the mother which determines whether or not her child is Jewish. The child of a Jewish mother and a non-Jewish father is automatically Jewish, whereas the child of a non-Jewish mother and a Jewish father is not Jewish. The Liberals hold that if either parent is Jewish the child is accepted as a Jew provided the parents wish the child to be brought up as a Jew. On the whole, American Reform Judaism is closer to the English Liberal position than to English Reform, but in Germany, the Liberals were more to the right than Reform. It is all very confusing as I, not being either Reform or Liberal, may be allowed to say. But then the divisions of Orthodoxy are no less confusing.

*Shaar Ashamain*

## Oldest synagogue in Britain maintains sense of devotion

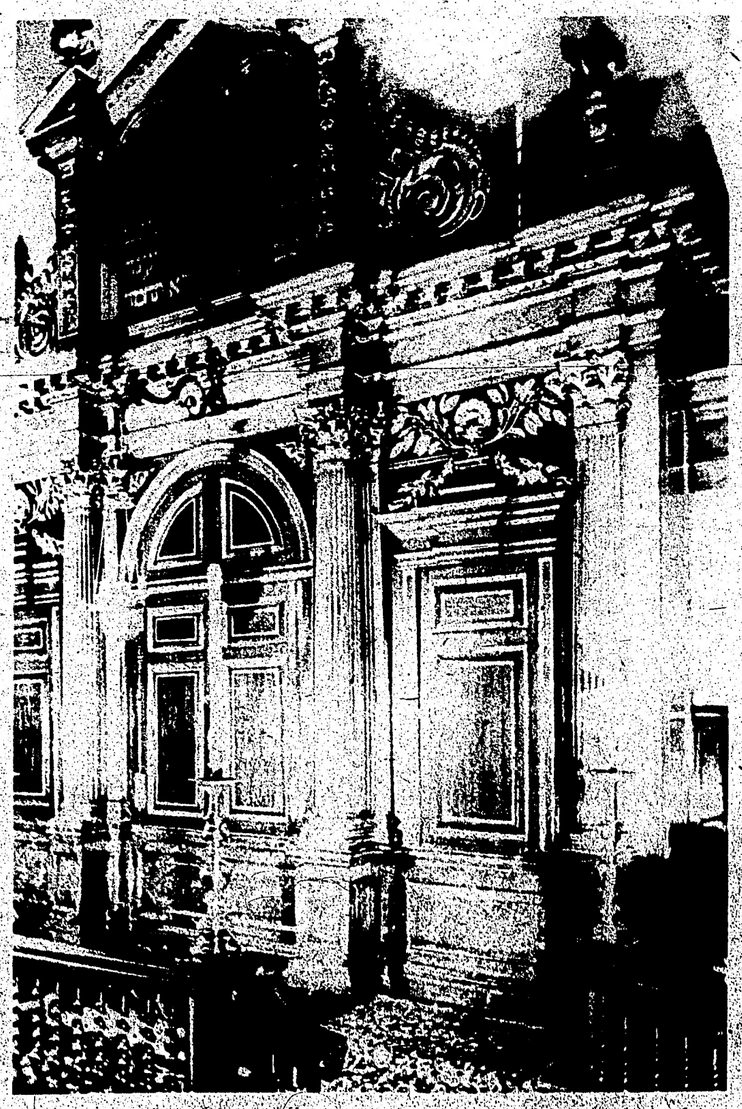
By EVELYN MILLER

In the year 1290, it being the 18th year of the reign of King Edward I, all Jews were banished from the Kingdom of England - not to be officially re-admitted until 1656. As had their co-religionists in Amsterdam, some Marranos had settled secretly in London during the early part of the 17th century.

Their identity was revealed only when some ships belonging to Antonio Robles were seized by the government as the property of a subject with whose country England was at war. In defence of his property, the merchant declared he was not a Spaniard but a Portuguese and a secret Jew. This avowal was followed by similar public declarations by other members of London's "Spanish" colony.

One year before this event, Rabbi Menasseh ben Israel, of Amsterdam, had visited London and had presented a petition to Oliver Cromwell which requested that Jews be allowed to return to England. Only in this way could the popular belief in the advent of the Messiah in 1666 be attained as it was necessary first to fulfil the prophecy of Deuteronomy (Chap. 28, V. 64) that the Jews be scattered over the four corners of the earth - and there were no Jews in England.

This first petition failed but in 1656, on the day that the Council of State restored Robles' goods and ships, a second petition signed by Rabbi Menasseh ben Israel and six of the Marranos was presented to Cromwell. This time their request was granted and the first Jewish house of worship, founded by a now enlarged and openly recognized Jewish community, was dedicated that same year.



This is the ark of Shaar Ashamanin Synagogue in Bevis Marks, London, built in 1701.

Occupying the upper floor of a house in Creechurch Lane, the congregation grew rapidly and in less than 20 years, the building had to be enlarged - but even the larger quarters soon were insufficient and plans were made to erect a new synagogue on a site in Bevis Marks. Here the Shaar Ashamain opened its doors in September 1701, just before the New Year.

The oak benches which the worshippers had used in the Creechurch Lane Synagogue were placed among the back rows of seats in the new building - where they still remain - and were used for many years by the boys from the synagogue's school. The "school" boys sat on the right of the wardens' (officers') bench while the boys from the orphanage sat on the left. This wardens' pew, or "banca", was placed on the left of the synagogue, facing the reading desk.

The seven heavy brass chandeliers - replicas of the ones in the Amsterdam synagogue - are believed to symbolize the seven days of the week and on holidays they still shed their glow of candlelight over the congregation. The ark, again as in Amsterdam, is divided into three sections over which is an entablature enclosing the Ten Commandments. Over this tablet, inscribed in Hebrew, are the words "Know before Whom thou standest."

Bevis Marks Synagogue was concerned with the education and economic welfare of the Jewish community from its earliest days. Separate schools for boys and girls, two Dower societies and a maternity hospital, today an old peoples' home, were supported by the congregation. As well a doctor was engaged, part time, who provided free medical services to those in need and a Cautivos (captives) fund provided ransom money for any Jew captured by pirates at sea.

In the course of its history as the oldest synagogue in the British Isles, Bevis Marks has been visited by many distinguished guests; from Samuel Pepys who visited the synagogue in Creechurch Lane in 1663 to the Duke of Edinburgh who attended the service of dedication which marked the tercentenary anniversary of the resettlement of Jews in England.

The main centre of population has shifted long since from the City of London, with a resulting decrease in the synagogue's membership. Nevertheless, services continue to be held regularly and the same formality coupled with the same sense of devotion still prevails.

*History speaks...*

# When we resolve Israel shall live

By J.B. SALSBERG

Since the sinister Yom Kippur attack on Israel, Jews throughout the world have experienced days and nights that were filled with agony. But they were also days and nights during which our people here, in Canada, and elsewhere grew, as if touched by a magic wand, in stature and appeal.

The latest and most menacing of the attempts to destroy the reborn Jewish state has galvanized our usually diversified Jewish community into a more unified and forceful entity than was ever before achieved. And the same process has been in operation in every centre of Jewish existence – in countries where they are free to speak out and to act as well as in countries where such rights are forcefully denied them.

The heroic and glorious defence – and so costly in precious life – put up by the few (3 million Israelis) against the many (80 – 100 million misled and misguided Arabs) constitutes an historic conflict out of which inspiring legends will be woven by future generations of Jews as well as non-Jews. The fire of that superhuman contest has also transformed world Jewry into a people that is capable of greatness.

These are truly days of awe for Jews. They are a crucial passage in our long history that will add to our collective bank of national memories – the source that sustains and perpetuates our distinctive existence.

It is this treasure of collective memory that explains our behavior in the present grave hour of trial as our own present behavior will surely influence the pattern of national behavior of those that will come after us.

How else can we explain the inspiring behavior of our people since the military conspiracy against Israel burst forth? (For let there be no doubt about it that this was a cold-blooded conspiracy that extended from Moscow to Cairo, to Damascus, to Amman and to the capitals of half a dozen other Arab countries and oil-rich, feudal Sheikdoms.)

How else can we explain the sleepless nights that so many experienced since the murderous attack began? How else understand the rush to the radios every hour on the hour to receive the latest news of the battlefront? By what other standard of measurement can we explain the mass turnout of our people everytime an opportunity was given them to get together as a collective? Yes, and how else, than by the yardstick of national consciousness, can we explain the magnificent, spontaneous and generous outpouring of material help to the embattled state of Israel that comes from every Jewish community in the world? (Except, of course, from lands like Russia where such help is forbidden.)

Our collective memory goes back, far into history. It goes back to ancient times. It covers periods of glory and periods of defeats and dispersions. It evokes memories of the "Golden Age" of our life in Spain and of the bitter days of the burning at the stake in that country.

Our collective memory-bank contains unforgettable records of persecutions, pogroms and expulsions from many lands.

Above everything and, totally overwhelming, is the nightmarish memory of the Holocaust – the most gruesome, soul-searing experience of brutality and mass murder that we, or any other people, have ever experienced. All this in our time; in our lifetime.

We are the generation of the devastating Holocaust and, therefore, all the more dedicated to the miracle of our national rebirth, the achievement of national statehood – the emergence of Israel in the historic territory which cradled our birth and growth as a nation and a people.

Consciously or unconsciously, it is such national memories and, more particularly, of our most recent past that governs our present responses and actions.

The martyrs of the distant past and the spirits of the six million of our brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents and others of our kin that spur us on to become as one with the people and fighting forces of Israel in their present ordeal. They too are, literally, of our flesh and blood.

History speaks through our voices when we proclaim our resolve that Israel shall live! History has provided the touch of greatness that we display in our present response to the needs of Israel that is now fighting for its life and, therefore, for the national survival of the Jewish people.

# *Capital's large and fast growing Arab population may force reluctant government to impose limits*

By JAMES KRAUS
JERUSALEM –

Wherever you look nowadays in West Jerusalem, it is easy to spot Arabs. The clerk in the bank is liable to be Arab, as is the doctor at the hospital or any one of the numerous staff employed by Israel Radio's Arabic broadcasting department. Whether working in offices or on construction sites or queuing up for medical treatment at Hadassah Hospital, they have increasingly become part of the life of unified Jerusalem, in striking contrast to the years immediately following the Six Day War, when it was only the rare Arab on official business who dared to venture into the western part of the city.

The total population of Jerusalem today is well over 300,000 of whom 100,000 are Arab. In spite of feverish attempts by the government to encourage Jews to settle in the capital, the Jewish population is only growing at a rate of 2.9% per year, in comparison to an Arab increase of 3.6%.

This has been reported by Meron Benvenisti, a municipal official formerly in charge of the city's bureau for Arab affairs. He estimates there are at least 15,000 more Arabs than official statistics show. He asserts that among the major factors resulting in the large Arab increase, the main one has been the intensive building activity by the housing ministry and private contractors.

Jerusalem has been growing by leaps and bounds and thousands of Arab construction workers have been coming in from the West Bank. These have quietly taken up residence in Jerusalem and in many instances brought their families with them. In addition, labor pools have sprung up outside the Old City's walls. In the early morning large groups of unskilled workers have been coming there to seek a few days work with a Jewish employer.

In an attempt to foster Jewish growth, special loans have been made available to families willing to move to Jerusalem and new immigrants receive a 10% supplement on mortgages issued them by the Jewish Agency to purchase apartments.

But these measures will not, in the long run, much stimulate immigrant settlement since Israel in general is already suffering from lack of suitable employment for many academically trained professionals. Most of the country's industry is concentrated in and around Tel Aviv and the Jerusalem area has always been a poor one.

For West Bankers, however, Jerusalem has long been an administrative as well as commercial centre and their influx has spurred building in the eastern part of the city. The hillsides of such areas as Wadi Joz, Silwan and around the road to Jericho have become crowded with new dwellings. These are mostly large family homes since the West Bankers avoid apartments and prefer to live in separate private homes.

The Arab influx has also begun to radically alter the nature of the work market and young Jews are increasingly reluctant to take jobs normally done by Arabs. The government is also in a difficult position. On the one hand, it is committed to the city's expansion and wants more hotels, restaurants and light industry. But for ideological as well as practical reasons, it is reluctant to see West Jerusalem inundated by Arab waiters, busboys and factory hands.

Such a development could prove dangerous in the long run. The last racial clash occured more than two years ago when Jewish rioters surged into the Old City, smashing shop windows and overturning automobiles after three terrorist bombs exploded in the new city on the same day. Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek has warned of his fears that the city may become another Belfast. He has long advocated dividing Jerusalem into separate Arab and Jewish boroughs and granting autonomous administration to the Arab section.

This he feels will be in keeping with the Middle Eastern tradition of independent ethnic communities. But unless there is a sizeable Jewish increase in the next few years, the government may well find itself, reluctant as it may be, impose an official limit on the number of Arabs who may settle inside the municipal boundaries.

One of three residents of the city of Jerusalem is an Arab. The Arab influx has begun to radically alter the nature of the work market. What to do about the fast-growing Arab population poses a serious problem for the city's government. (IPPA photo)

# Water cutbacks ordered as Tel Aviv fights drought with conservation of supplies and expensive desalination

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV –

In other countries, the petrol pumps have begun to run dry. Here, Israelis fear, water taps may do the same.

National Water Commissioner Menahem Kantor recently ordered a 25% cut in water supplies to agricultural settlements in the Western and Lower Galilee. This sudden, unplanned cut comes on top of earlier reductions in water quotas, the violation of which results in punitive fines.

An even more serious crisis probably still looms ahead this year since, as the result of a dry winter, the level of the Sea of Galilee, Israel's main natural reservoir, has dropped 30cm. lower than at the end of last summer. If it goes down any further, it will become impossible until the December rains replenish the Sea of Galilee to pump water out of the lake and send it, via the National Water Carrier, to the arid south.

Even if the next few winters are wetter, Israel will still have to cope with a water crisis because the country's water account is becoming heavily overdrawn. Present sources provide a sustainable annual yield of 1,500 million cubic metres, while 1,600 million cubic metres are already being used each year. And nature, like banks, honors overdrafts only for limited periods of time.

To save water, $45 million has been invested in new methods of growing more crops with less irrigation, more specifically by employing automatic systems that supply water only when it is needed by plants and only in exactly the right amounts. In addition, crops like cotton and bananas which require considerable irrigation, may have to be phased out.

Another $45 million has been spent on replacing leaky municipal water pipes. And, most recently, attention has turned to the home, particularly because domestic water use has expanded by 60% in the past 10 years, twice the rate of population growth. To reverse this trend, builders have been ordered to install water-saving toilets in new buildings; water-saving kitchen faucets are expected to come next. According to one scheme, these faucets will be operated by a pedal, in order to dissuade housewives from letting the water run, when they are not actually washing dishes.

But saving water, however effective, will not be enough; more water must be found if Israeli agriculture and industry are to prosper and if Israel's population is to reach 5,000,000, as planned, by the year 2,000. The less expensive methods of boosting water supplies – the damming of run-off water, the seeding of rain clouds, and the reclamation of sewage water – have been in wide use for years. Now Israel must turn to the most expensive method, desalination.

The citizens of Eilat, Israel's Red Sea port and tourist centre, already drink desalinated water, and the residents of Jerusalem and other cities – which this summer suffered water shortages – may not be far behind. Current plans envisage an output of 100 million cubic metres of fesalinated water by the mid-'80s and by the end of the century, one-third of Israel's water supply is expected to derive from desalination.

Israeli scientists and technicians are now trying to decide which method or combination of methods will provide desalinated water most cheaply. Special interest is being shown in novel, locally developed plants to distill pure water out of brine. Less advanced, but still of interest, are Israeli desalination techniques based on separating salt from water by electrodialysis, or by forcing water through membranes which do not pass salt.

Israel's acute need for desalinated water may be a blessing in disguise, for it means that new methods of obtaining it will have to be tested under field conditions, and competitively at that. The know-how obtained should provide the basis for an industry capable of selling advanced desalination units to an increasingly thirsty world.

# *'Canadians should have job priority'*

By BEN NOBLEMAN

TORONTO –

There is a nationalist upsurge in Canada today in the areas of finance, education and culture. However, the nationalist trend has not yet reached the Jewish community, particularly in the field of fund raising. It is time there was considerable soul searching and a serious attempt by communal leaders to change the situation.

Recently I received an announcement from the Beth Sholom Brotherhood about an Israel Bonds meeting. The chief attraction of the Bonds affair was an American comedian whom I've never heard of. I'm certain he was well paid and performed at other Bonds functions in Canada.

What is disturbing is that there are many Canadian performers, more talented and qualified who could have been hired but have been ignored, largely through ignorance or indifference.

This has been a common feature of other Canadian Jewish fund raising organizations, some with headquarters in the U.S. They import American speakers and entertainers at large fees while ignoring Canadian talent. Perhaps one of the reasons is because the directors of these organizations are mostly Americans and are used to hiring Americans in these fields.

Among the notable exceptions to this are the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish National Fund who use Canadian speakers and staff.

Several years ago, a prominent Jewish women's group imported a third-rate American comedian at a fee of $1,000 for their annual donor dinner. He put on a disgusting and vulgar performance that so shocked the ladies that many of them walked out in the middle of his act.

Similarly, regarding Jewish civil servants, when vacancies occur for an executive director or a public relations man, it is usually an American who is hired. A phone call to New York or Los Angeles usually brings in the required personnel. Yet it often takes the American six months to become acquainted with the Canadian city.

I strongly urge the leadership of the Canadian Jewish community to insist the first priority in hiring civil servants, speakers and entertainers be Canadian.

# 'When they threaten my brothers in Israel, they threaten me'

*The following is an edited text of Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut's stirring address to the solidarity rally at the Royal York Hotel last week:*

". . . We are schooled in trial and in sorrow. We know what it means to lose loved ones in war as well as peace, for even when there has been peace for others there has not always been peace for us. Alas, the furnaces of the Holocaust were stoked in times of peace, when the world looked away.

I am a Jew, I believe in God and I believe that in His wisdom he has set aside for us a special role for mankind. We are called the People of the Covenant and this covenant exists today. No war, no international forum, no resolutions or vetoes will affect it. We stand before history as a people who since ancient days have preserved the knowledge of a compassionate and righteous God. We do not always know what our task may be for the moment, but Torah and tradition point the way for us.

The world may not fully understand us. No matter. Of course we would like to be loved and understood, who would not? But it has not been our fate to be loved and understood, nor have we been many in numbers. We have always been in the minority. Seen in the full context of history, it is no accident that billions of people are allied against us – Russia, China, India – without cause, without reason.

We understand why the Arabs are arraigned against Israel (although we can neither understand nor fail to point out the evil they have committed in using a national conflict for fostering anti-Semitism). Count those who are lined up against us and they likely add up to the majority of men as represented by their governments, if their governments indeed represent them. But Jews have never counted heads nor felt that majorities were naturally right. If we had done that, we would have folded our tents long ago and would have disappeared into the mists of history. We did not.

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut

When all the world went spiritually one way, we went another. When all the world looked to a pantheon of gods, we looked to the One and Only One of Israel. When all the world exalted war as a normal accompaniment of human existence, we listened to the voice of Isaiah; we promised that some day, inspired by a knowledge of God, men would beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; that some day men of every nation and every creed would sit under their vines and fig trees and none would make them afraid. When all the world shouted "Power!" we listened to the prophet who said: "Not by might and not by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord." When all the world shouted for force, the Jew said "Shalom" when he came and when he went. The Jew identified the very words of Torah with Shalom, proclaiming that "all its paths are peace."

No wonder that a people whose vision has been on the salvation of man and on eternity, a people preoccupied with their obligations under the Covenant, should be a thorn in the side of those who conceive of life in different terms. It is no accident that, of all the nations in the world, Israel is the only one whose right to existence is still debated a quarter-century after its birth.

Colonel Qaddafi, the premier of Libya who is rich enough that he can afford to speak what is on his mind, said unequivocally that neither the 1967 ceasefire lines nor the occupied territories are the real issue. The issue, he said, is Israel's existence, which remains an offence to the Arabs. Nothing but our disappearance will satisfy him and many like him. The world does not listen to this warning because it does not want to listen. But we Jews cannot forget, for in the larger sense we have always fought and battled for the existence of our people and our ideas.

We are Jews. We are a small people, but we are large in compassion and in love. Our brothers in Israel are forced to take up arms, but it does not make them into a warlike people. The announcers speak of tanks lost and planes downed, while our people worry more about the black boxes in the Israeli newspapers which announce the deaths of the country's youth.

Young people, full of promise, who leave behind families in desperate bereavement and worse, who themselves are forever cut off from the fullness of life. We grieve for them, but we are a people who grieve for the Arab youth as well. They too have families, they too wanted to live and now they die needlessly, because their leaders have pushed them into a battle they cannot win.

We are Jews. We do not hate. Others, alas, have invoked the evil passions of anti-Semitism once again against us, so that throughout the Arab orbit as well as in Soviet Russia, the word "Jew" is once again a battle cry for hatred. We, in return, hate no one.

Our tradition says, "I do not desire the death of the sinner, but that he turn from his evil ways and live." God says our tradition, does not hate a sinner, but the sin. We hate no Arabs, we hate no Russians, we hate no Chinese, we hate no Indians, our people stretch out their hand to the world and say: "Work with us, not against us." But the world should also know that even if we are rejected we do not despair. On the contrary, we know that the Lord of Hosts is with us in the long haul of history.

This is what it means to be Jews, Jews in Israel, and Jews also in Canada. Every one who lives in this great and wonderful land, with its open spaces and its reality of freedom, has a deep sense of gratitude toward the gifts it has granted. Yesterday was Thanksgiving in our land, and I am sure that every Jew was keenly aware of the marvellous opportunity that was his. The opportunity is not only social or economic or political. All this of course – but the main point is something else. A Jew in Canada can be himself, a Jew at his best and highest level. Canada says to the Jew as it says to all her children: "Be yourself, for by being yourself you can make your greatest contribution to Canada."

I give thanks that I can be a Jew in this land, to be myself, to know my tradition, to learn what it means to work for the good of every man, of whatever race, color or creed. That I can make my contribution to society as a Jew – this is the genius of Canada, and for this we owe profound and abiding thanks. We strengthen this thanks with the determination to make this an ever more glorious and wonderful land, rich especially in human, spiritual and intellectual resources.

Thank God, there is Israel today, and across the ocean stretches a bridge of love. They are my family and we are theirs. What happens to them happens to me. When they threaten my brothers in Israel they threaten me. We want to tell the people in Israel that we belong to them and that they can count on us – fear not, we shout to them – fear not!

But we also want to tell them that it is not only Jews who stand with them. Many non-Jews in all parts of the world and thankfully in Canada as well stand with them. Those who are here tonight are a representation of the multitudes whose hearts and souls are bound up with our brothers in Israel . . . We thank them all and we thank you especially who are here. We Jews know what it means to be alone, and therefore know the full meaning of friendship."

# Organizations and People

## what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

**NER ISRAEL NEWS**

Ner Israel Yeshiva College of Toronto will hold its 14th annual banquet Sunday, Oct. 28, at the yeshiva, Finch Ave. W., under the direction of banquet chairman Harry Korolnek. This year the school welcomes three new faculty members - Harav E. Attias, a senior high school teacher at the yeshiva in St. Louis; Rabbi M. Naiyowitz, a teacher at the Kollel Avrechim in Toronto for the last few years; and Rabbi E. Rokach, a Sabra, who obtained his masters in general education degree in the United States two years ago. Along with the increase in faculty, the yeshiva has 30 additional students of college age from outside Toronto.

**JOURNALISM AWARD**

Toronto's Ryerson Polytechnical Institute is making arrangements for the first Myer Sharzer Memorial Award to be presented later this fall. The award, established by the Central Region, Canadian Jewish Congress, in memory of the region's late executive director, is to assist a deserving student in the field of journalism. Contributions (income tax deductible) can be made payable to the institute and sent to the Congress office in Toronto, marked to the attention of award committee chairman Sydney M. Harris.

**ART FOR ORT**

A display and sale of the work of Toronto area artists - sculptors, painters and batikers - and boutiques offering handcrafted jewelry, pottery and toys make up the art show being sponsored by the Lydda and Teheran Chapters of Toronto Women's ORT on Sunday, Oct. 21, from 1 - 9 p.m. in Seneca College's Finch Campus common room. And Lydda Chapter president Gilda Tyber tells us that, for your viewing pleasure, a "glamor corps" (that is a group of visually attractive gals and guys) will be on hand to help with your questions about the artists or their work.

**SINGERS PLEASE APPLY**

The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, an amateur mixed choir of 40 voices, celebrates its 50th anniversary this season. Their repertoire includes Yiddish, Hebrew, English and French-Canadian folk music, and songs in several other languages as well. Rehearsals are Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. at the Morris Winchevsky Centre, Cranbrooke Ave. Additional singers are required, especially tenors. For information call Brina Harris at 223-6892 or the conductor Searle Friedman at 787-5933.

**CONSERVATIVE BROTHERHOODS MEET**

The Great Lakes Region fall conference involving Conservative synagogue men's clubs of southern Ontario, Ohio, New York and Michigan takes place in Southfield, Mich., the weekend of Oct. 26 - 28.

**JEWISH STUDIES**

The University of Montreal has introduced a Jewish studies course for the year 1973-74. The courses are to include Bible, modern Hebrew history, Jews in Quebec, plus several others.

And Carlton University is giving three courses in Jewish studies this fall with Professor Eugene Rothman. To be studied - introduction to Hebrew, Judaism and the Jewish people, and modern Jewish thought.

**LECTURE SERIES**

Interested in Roth, Richler or Malamud? Well, Adath Israel Congregation is running a lecture series on **The North American Jewish Experience Through Fiction** with York University English professor Elaine Newton. The lectures are set for six consecutive Thursday evenings at 9 p.m. beginning Oct. 25.

**ANTIQUE SALE**

Antique enthusiasts will be interested to note that a sale of antique silver, china and furniture is being held on Sunday, Oct. 21. It is sponsored by the Downsview study branch of the National Council of Jewish Women at the Council House, Bathurst St., from 12 - 5:30 p.m. There will also be a sale of fine graphics by such artists as Harold Towne, Marc Chagall and Salvador Dali, and an antique Judaica display.

**MAZEL TOV NITE**

Beth Sholom Brotherhood will sponsor the Mazel Tov Nite at Baycrest Centre Oct. 31, for residents and their guests, honoring residents whose birthdays are in October.

**LZA LECTURE**

On Tuesday, Oct. 23, the Labor Zionist Alliance lecture series presents a lecture on **The Forerunners of Modern Zionist: Hess, Kalisher, Herzl and Smolenskin**, by Dr. Mark Zimmerman. The lecture is at 8:30 p.m. at the LZA centre, Viewmount Ave.

**CJF'S ASSEMBLY**

The 42nd General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJF), a major annual forum of Jewish leaders from more than 125 member federations in the United States, Canada and overseas visitors will be held Nov. 7-11 at the Marriott Hotel and International Hotel in New Orleans.

Some 2,500 representatives from virtually every Jewish community in the United States and Canada, will participate in the five-day assembly.

Chairman of the general assembly program committee is Dr. Arnold Epstein, Toronto. Serving with him are the following vice-chairmen: Charles Goodall, Tulsa; Mrs. William Green, San Francisco; Harold Salman, New Orleans; Harry Smith, Miami; and Louis I. Zorensky, St. Louis.

# Catch a bargain at razzle-dazzle bazaar

By MIRIAM HERMAN

TORONTO -

Catch a bargain! That's the slogan of the 1973 Hadassah Bazaar. The doors open Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the Automotive Building at the C.N.E. And the co-chairmen are Beverley Gordon and Gail Klebanoff.

The Hadassah Bazaar! So, what's it all about?

Sure, its called the biggest one-day bazaar in the world! Bargain hunters will queue up for hours for a chance at those buys-of-the-year! There will be give-aways, door prizes and auction sales, and fashion shows and dress boutiques and bingo! And Hadassah members will put in a day like no other with the tired feet and the aching back!

So, why all the razzle-dazzle and the wall-to-wall people?

Well, behind it all are medical and welfare services for needy women and children in Israel. That's where the money goes.

First there is the Chana Meisel Shochat Agricultural School in Nahalal. It was founded in 1921 as an agricultural school for women by Chana Meisel Shochat who felt that women would be full partners in the development of the Holy Land if they had proper training (shades of women's lib even then?). The school became co-educational after the war.

In 1927 Nahalal became Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's first major project in Israel. Now running at full capacity of 380 students, it could accommodate more youngsters if there were adequate dormitories. A large percentage of the children come from low-income homes and about a third of the students are sabras of oriental extraction. There is a recent group of Russian immigrant children, with more expected.

The teenagers get a good education as well as learning the best methods of farming and are eligible to enter universities for further studies. Some return to their farm homes or teach others modern agricultural methods, and some are sent to underdeveloped countries to share their knowledge of basic health, sanitation improvement and farm productivity.

Each year at the Hadassah Bazaar it's wall-to-wall people searching for bargains. This year's Bazaar takes place Oct. 24 at the Canadian National Exhibition's Automotive Building from 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Then there is the Asaf Harofe Hospital in Sarafand near Tel Aviv. It is a 670-bed facility serving a quarter of a million people in the small villages in the region. Besides that it has become renowned throughout the Middle East as a rehabilitation hospital for handicapped children, children from all kinds of backgrounds - Jewish, Arab, Druse, wealthy, poor.

And in addition, Canadian Hadassah-WIZO has contributed the modern Institute of Hydro-Therapy in honor of Eleanor Roosevelt and a recreation pavilion for chronically ill aged patients in honor of former prime minister John G. Diefenbaker. There is also the Eilat Clinic which gives help to needy mothers and children.

So, if you go down to the Hadassah Bazaar on Wednesday, what a bargain you can catch! All those young people in Israel who more than ever need and want to be strong in body and spirit so that they too may share in the great experience of their country's growth.

# *Roses, chocolate bars sold by kids for Israel*

By ELAINE KAHN

TORONTO -

"We were all sad about what was going on in the war and thought it would help if we raised money," Marcelle Niddam, 14, told **The Canadian Jewish News**.

In less than two days, Miss Niddam and four friends raised $310 by selling roses, daisies and chocolate bars to people in their Elm Ridge Dr. apartment building and outside the shopping plaza next door to it.

"A lot of people were very mean about it," Miss Niddam said. "As soon as they heard it was for Israel, they'd say they didn't want to do it for the Jewish people or 'why aren't you collecting for the Egyptians?'"

The five girls - Lisa Krem, 10, Mayda Grossman, 13, her sister, Tammy, 11, Kathy Foldi, 11, and Miss Niddam - asked people to donate as much as they wished. The flowers and chocolates were given to the girls by three local stores.

"All of us have relatives in Israel and some of us have been to Israel," Miss Niddam said. But this was not her first experience at fund raising. She and friends have done other projects to raise money for the cancer and leukemia societies.

All five girls are active in youth activities at Beth Sholom Synagogue, she said, and, when asked if they plan to become national presidents of Hadassah, replied, "We'd love to."

A Technion scholarship has been adopted through the United Israel Appeal in memory of Esther Zukerman by her husband Abram. The permanent scholarship will be for students at the university in Haifa.

## ...about people

Dr. Martin Dobkin

Dr. Martin Dobkin, a 31-year-old family practitioner and Peel County coroner, is Mississauga's first elected mayor after a surprise upset over incumbent mayor (appointed) **Charles Murray**.

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Canadian artist **Anthony Thorn** has been retained by Clarke Institute as a professional consultant to work with psychologists there on a study of schizophrenic art. He will be looking into the 98 characteristics of recognizable form in pictures painted by schizophrenics. This is the first time the institute has commissioned a professional artist for this type of work, usually done by psychologists. "But this time they decided they needed an artist, trained in perception, who would be able to see the difference between amateurism and maladjustment," said the Toronto-based, Regina-born artist.

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Freelance photographer **Jacob El-Baz** - his award-winning photograph **Torah and Peace** graced the front issue of our Sept. 21 issue - and an Israeli paratrooper in the Six Day War left Toronto last week to rejoin his unit in Israel.

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From Ottawa comes news that Jewish Community Centre program director **Edward Rosenthal** has become assistant executive director of Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir, Jewish Community Centre and United Jewish Appeal, which adds fund raising and community organization responsibilities to his program duties . . . And new to the capital city scene is **Roy Shniper**, director of youth activities at the centre. He hails from new York where he worked with the youth at the Brooklyn YM-YWHA for several years.

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That husband and wife acting team **Ben and Sylvia Lennick** (who will ever forget her "I told him, Julie don't go") have teamed up with Allan Price and Eugen Fandrich to form the Homé Theatre Company, which is just what it says - rec-reation-room, living-room, or what-have-you productions of comedy and classics by a professional theatre group. Actually it isn't a new experience for the Lennicks, who over the summer were involved in an Opportunities for Youth project called Theatre in the Home, which gave students and young actors the chance to gain some live-theatre know-how.

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Talk about the younger generation - one of the early contributors to Israel Bonds was 5-year-old **Simeon Olsberg** who emptied his piggy bank of its 17 coins first thing Sunday morning. He presented them to dad **Melville Olsberg**, Holy Blossom executive director, when his father explained that he had to renege on the long-standing promise of a day together to be at the temple because of the Israel emergency. And as daddy put it - "if you knew Simeon's attachment to his personal money box, you'd understand what it meant for him to part with those coins."

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York University literature professor **Eli Mandel** will be delivering one of the papers at the National Conference on Canadian Culture and Ethnic Groups in Canada slated for the weekend of Oct. 26-28. His topic, **Ethnic Voice in Canadian Writing**, is part of the session on ethnicity as a factor in the development of Canadian arts. The conference is put on by the Canadian Ethnic Studies Association.

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Those who delight in **Harry Golden's** humorous commentary of the American-Jewish scene can look forward to three more of his books soon to be published. One is **Our Southern Landsmen**, about Jews below the Mason-Dixon line; a second is **Travels in Jewish America**; and the third is a collection of essays, **Beloved Friends**.


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# *Labor camp survivor tells of his long nightmare*

By MICHAEL HOFFMAN

MONTREAL -

Michael Solomon was determined to survive his 17-year long ordeal of imprisonment in Siberian and Rumanian labor camps because of his urgent need to "have the truth come out in the end."

In 1965, when the end of his nightmare finally came, Solomon proved true to his personal pledge. The truth came out in the form of a book entitled **Magadan**, published by Chateau Books. Originally published in 1971, a French translation is now being prepared for release in September, by les Editions de l'Homme.

"I have already managed to read part of it," wrote Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir in a personal letter to the author, "and was deeply moved by the nightmarish experiences you and so many others have been through. Like you, I hope that many people, Jews and non-Jews will read it and learn the truth."

Abba Eban, Israel's minister of foreign affairs, added this thought: "I am grateful to you for causing me to confront the realities which you describe. I remember Santayana's words: 'He who does not remember the past is doomed to repeat it.'"

At the core of the Rumanian-born journalist's work is the idea that as time elapses, world events are "revolving in a direction opposite to our hopes and expectations. The Soviet government continuously shows disdain for the most elementary human rights."

Since Jews have always been at the forefront of the struggle for these rights, they have received particularly extreme treatment, the Jewish author says.

"Soviet Jews are depicted as criminals, pimps, contrabandists and murderers," he said, the suppressed anger showing in his voice. "Never in the history of Soviet Jewry has there been such widespread officially-supported hate propaganda."

Michael Solomon

But Solomon believes that in the end justice will triumph: "Even with the most refined instruments of deception the Soviets will not be able to prevent citizens from learning the truth."

Asked why, considering the popularity of **Magadan**, a French edition was not prepared until now, Solomon answered that the reasons were largely political. "Publishers, under the influence of politicians, entertained false hopes of detente between East and West.

"They were willing to sacrifice my findings for the sake of fence-mending," he said. But now, he added, "the balloon has burst; no one has any faith in detente any more."

Solomon heads the Canadian Zionist Federation's French department and edits the journal **Regards sur Israel**, which is "an effort to see Israel through French-Canadian eyes."

# Contentment tough to find, claims youthful organizer

By ELAINE KAHN

TORONTO -

Someday, Briane Nasimok wants to ride into the sunset on a white steed with his beautiful princess.

But Nov. 4 - provided he joins Actors' Equity- he'll ride in a bus on tour with the Canadian Opera Company, as assistant stage manager and as the attendant in **Cosi Fan Tutti**.

"I'm an organizer," Nasimok said in an interview, and it is difficult to imagine him not doing something - whether it's opera, writing for the University of Toronto **Varsity** or organizing the COC's football team, like he did last year.

Nasimok is production assistant in charge of the extras for the COC's current O'Keefe Centre season. He also has minor roles in four operas and cues the actors for **The Barber of Seville**.

"The toughest thing is finding contentment," said the 23-year-old "King of the Extras" upstairs at U of T's Innis College, where he'd just finished making hamburgers for an Innis party. "I can't decide where I want to end up.

"I always wanted to play the O'Keefe Centre stage ever since I was a kid," he said, "but my first great love is writing . . . Performing is good fun."

The COC began rehearsals Oct. 12 for its 16-week tour of eastern Canada and the southern and western USA Nasimok said. He's already studying his part.

Nasimok said he was born into "the silver spoon in my mouth" atmosphere of Forest Hill, but became disillusioned in high school and teamed up with three teenagers from Newtonbrook Collegiate. All of them have since played the O'Keefe.

After staging the unsuccessful **Why Can't Toronto be Broadway?** at the Colonnade Theatre, they produced successful children's plays there.

He took a two year applied communications course at Seneca College and then went to California where he failed to sell Universal Studios a film he'd made in college.

"I thought it was God's gift to Seneca, which it wasn't," he said.

He then enrolled at U of T, attracted by University College's annual Follies review, where he was discovered by the COC.

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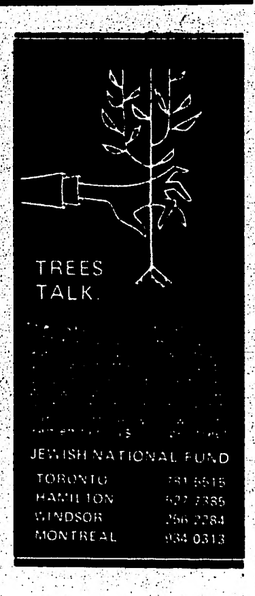


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# 'The best way to serve Israel is by living there,' Ovnat says

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO –

Israel's long term need is people, an audience of about 750 Israelis working or studying in Toronto were told on Sunday at a meeting at the Pride of Israel Congregation.

The brief meeting, conducted entirely in Hebrew, began with a speech by Shmuel Ovnat, the Israel Consul in Toronto. He was right to the point: Israelis should be living in Israel, this is how they can best serve their country.

Ovnat described the present military situation in the Middle East and told the hushed audience, there have been many Israeli casualties.

The audience, consisting mostly of Israelis in their 20's and 30's was also encouraged by Joshua Bar-El, executive director of Israel Aliyah centre of Ontario, to consider permanent resettlement in Israel. He said money was desperately needed during this crisis, noting that less than 3 million Jews are not enough to help sustain the state of Israel. He told the calm, attentive audience that more Jews are needed in Israel and that they should set their goal to leave for Israel, if not now, at least in a year or so.

Bar-El said, in terms of the immediate crisis, Israeli men in Toronto with families should not leave now. If single men, who have been trained by the army, wish to go, they can try to get a flight. He noted Israel is not calling them back. They return as volunteers and pay their own plane fare.

By the time of this meeting, some of its organizers had already returned to Israel. The scene in terminal two at Toronto International Airport Friday night was typical with hugs of hello and tears of goodbye. There was one exception, though. The 9 p.m. Air Canada flight to London consisted of some Israelis, caught here when war broke out, who were voluntarily returning to enter the army.

The tears were as plentiful as any ordinary farewell. But the comments were different. "This is my brother leaving tonight," said one red-eyed Israeli girl. "My brother-in-law already left a few days ago," she continued, while choking back tears.

"He's our cousin," said an elderly gentleman. "He insisted on going."

The departing Israelis showed no signs of the sadness displayed by those seeing them off. They were calm, happy that they finally got a flight to Tel Aviv, and almost relieved that they knew they were now going to be able to do more than attend meetings showing support for Israel.

The few that left on this flight all had connecting flights on El Al for Tel Aviv. Most airlines no longer fly to the Middle East, since the pilots' association labelled the area a war zone.

Air France is one airline that has continued flights. A spokesman told **The CJN** that flights from Paris to the Middle East go on a day by day basis. For example, last Friday one flight went to Tel Aviv, another to Beirut, but the Cairo flight was cancelled.

A CP Air spokesman said the Rome to Tel Aviv portion has been cancelled until October 15, at least.

# *'As much as required,' U.S. to give military support to Israel: Javits*

By DAVID GROSSMAN

TORONTO –

The United States, after surveying the continuous shipments of arms to the Arabs, has decided to stand by Israel, says a leading Republican senator.

Jacob Javits, senior senator from New York, said the U.S. will send to Israel "military support, as much as required, to prevent its destruction by the Arabs."

He told 800 persons attending a brotherhood dinner at Beth Sholom Synagogue Monday that tanks, jets and armored vehicles are arriving in Israel "immediately".

The 69-year-old politician said the U.S. is one of the very few countries in the world who are friends of Israel. He said in 1956, Britain and France lined up with Israel in the Middle East war. But now the situation was different.

"The British and French are not the same friends as they were in 1956," he said. "Outside of Germany and one or two others, the European states and others have taken an antagonistic attitude toward Israel in the past five or six years.

"Just recently, the secretary general of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization said the Arabs should withhold their oil until they recapture their land. And the Arabs listened to him."

On the question of oil supplies from the Middle East, the senator pointed out, that the U.S. only receives 20% of its oil from Arab nations.

"The United States is not as vulnerable as Japan and the Western European countries to the threats of blackmail by the Arabs. If their oil is available, we would use 30% of our supply from them in the next eight years. Japan and the others get as much as 85% of their oil supply. The U.S. isn't worried."

Javits pointed out that the U.S. won't need oil from the Middle East in about eight years. He said recent conservation measures permit the U.S. to be self-sufficient in the future. And he added, the world will eventually need American assistance.

"We have enormous stocks of coal in the U.S. and when the Alaskan oil is brought on, the Arabs will find they made a bad deal indeed. They will see, that what they've done, is make their product obsolescent. And then, they can bathe in it, because we and others won't need it."

Javits then attacked the role of the Soviet Union.

"We all know that the Russians have very serious food deficiencies. They have recently bought thousands of bushels of wheat from the U.S. and Canada.

"If the Russians want to play a game with us and back the Arabs and use their oil as a weapon and threat to us, then we can also play that game. We can hold back shipments of wheat and then the Russians can play their game and eat their oil."

# Life is 'normal'

TEL AVIV (JTA) –

Despite the war, life in Israel is continuing as normally as possible with schools open, most factories continuing production, the housing ministry repairing homes damaged by Syrian shells and even the central election committee was going on with the job of preparing for the Oct. 30 Knesset elections.

The blackout is still strictly maintained but the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra is maintaining its subscription concerts and movie houses are still operating although half empty since they are usually attended by young people now in the service.

The central election committee, headed by Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn, published the final list of parties for the upcoming elections. There has been talk of postponing the vote and also of setting up a national unity government – but nothing like this has yet been decided and the election is still set for Oct. 30. The election committee met in the darkened Knesset building in Jerusalem.

Civil servants have not been called up for army service but have been shuttled between government departments under the preordained emergency plan to take care of essential services for the public which are understaffed because of the call-up. All legal contracts, documents, which specify particular dates for particular action have had those dates postponed under emergency orders issued by the defence ministry.

The housing ministry announced it would begin at once with repair work on civilian homes hit by Syrian shells in Migdal Haemek and Kiryat Shemona. The housing ministry was commissioned by the Treasury which said it would cover the full cost of repairs and would also arrange, at its expense, for alternative housing for the people during the repair work. Treasury assessors have already visited the sites to assess the damage.

All schools, secondary schools and higher education institutions, reopened for normal studies on Oct. 9. Secondary school pupils that were recruited for various auxiliary jobs, municipal sanitation departments or postal services – will continue their voluntary work after school hours.

A reservist heads off to war. Despite war, life in Israel is continuing as normally as possible with schools open and most factories continuing production. (IPPA photo)

# *Censure radio station*

Cont'd from Page 1

talk about the Middle East because a knife was being held against his throat. He also said that his children had been threatened."

Editor and director of the CIC's French media department, Michael Solomon, told **The CJN** that the program is allegedly responsible for "hammering the theme of Israel as an expansionist, inhuman, and racist state."

He said Delorme allegedly portrays Israel as a Nazi beast stomping on little children and quotes Arab texts describing Israel's torture of innocent people.

Delorme told **The CJN** that "this experience is very painful to me," and he stated that for every ideology there are always two sides to the coin. He stated that he "has sympathy for Israel and the Jewish community," but reiterated his believe in exposing both "opinions".

Israel, he said, is committing infractions too, "I'm not criticizing for the sake of criticism, I'm really not a bad guy," he stressed.

Further enraging the Jewish community was an article written by Delorme and published in La Presse in the Free Opinion page of the daily's editorial section. The headline to his opinion piece read "Israel practices moral and physical torture in the occupied territories." Delorme went on to list alleged mistreatment at the hands of Israelis.

## Whoops, forgot keys

TEL AVIV –

Tel Aviv firemen were out in force the other morning following an air raid alarm. There was no bomb damage, but lots of excitement, just the same.

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# Tourism ministry presents awards for 25th anniversary celebrations

TORONTO -

In appreciation for the outstanding work of the chairman of the Canadian Committee to Celebrate Israel's 25th Anniversary, the Israel ministry of tourism recently held a reception at the Inn on the Park. At this event special presentations were made to the individuals who were involved in this endeavor.

Mrs. Arnold Epstein, national chairman, torchlight ceremony, was honored for her outstanding work in organizing the torch of freedom receptions across Canada, as a kick-off for the year's activities.

Close to 650,000 persons were able to view some of Israel's products and artcrafts at the **Shalom Israel at Yorkdale** exhibition through the work of Mrs. Sydney Wise and her committee.

Two of the key people involved in one of Toronto's largest Jewish community undertakings were the co-chairmen of the Toronto 25th Anniversary Committee, Mrs. Harold Fink and Max Shecter who lent a helping hand to every committee established for the celebration.

**These were some of the people present at the Inn on the Park recently where the Israel ministry of tourism presented awards. Standing from left are Max Shecter, Mrs. Sydney Wise, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, Amnon Gil-Ad, Mrs. Harold Fink, Max Goody and Mrs. Arnold Epstein. Kneeling are Philip Givens, Shmuel Ovnat and Frank Dimant.**

Also honored at the reception was Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, national chairman, Canadian Committee to Celebrate Israel's 25th Anniversary.

The Jewish community, for the first time, was represented at the Metro Caravan where close to 60,000 people were able to view a replica of the Jerusalem Market. This committee was established under the chairmanship of Max Goody.

Frank Dimant, executive director Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region and national director of the 25th Anniversary Committee to Celebrate Israel's 25th Anniversary, was also honored for his outstanding work.

On hand for the occasion were Consul General Shmuel Ovnat, Philip G. Givens, national president, Canadian Zionist Federation and Amnon Gil-Ad, director Israel ministry of tourism office in Canada, who made the presentations.

# *Meet Congress seminar is planned for Ottawa*

OTTAWA -

The Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir and the Eastern Region of Canadian Jewish Congress have arranged a seminar entitled **Meet the Congress** on Sunday, Dec. 2.

The object is to make the Jewish community of Ottawa more familiar with the work of Congress in a number of areas. The seminar will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 1 p.m., with a coffee break at mid-morning.

The first session will deal with the structure, organization, constituency and general responsibilities of Congress. The second will concentrate on community relations on the national and international scene. The concluding portion will deal with the Canadian Jewish family in the '70s.

Experts from out of town will introduce the subject and then there will be ample opportunity for questions and discussion. Local community leaders will also participate.

# Voice of Youth

By YAACOV HONIG

This year the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Founded in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1923, in reaction to the exclusiveness of Greek letter fraternities, it quickly became international in character and in 1929 Toronto Chapter Number 103 was founded.

In order to proclaim its character, the Hebrew letters Aleph Zadek Aleph were chosen as its name. It was not until 1925 that the AZA was adopted as a program by B'nai B'rith. Conveniently, it was discovered that Aleph Zadek Aleph could stand for Ahavah Zdakah Achdut - brotherly love, benevolence, harmony - the theme of B'nai B'rith. In 1944, BBG, the B'nai B'rith Girls, officially came into existence and in 1945 both BBG and AZA were integrated into one movement, the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

During the 50 years of existence, 700,000 youth have passed through the ranks of BBYO. It has not only maintained its Jewish character, but has maintained its character as a youth movement. Largely run by its members, high school youth, ages 14 - 18, adult volunteers and professional staff provide guidance.

Youth members are well represented on all levels of the policy making process of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

It is not unusual to see a long-haired 16-year-old seated beside a 50-year-old businessman at a board meeting hotly debating, with complete equality, such matters as the Sabbath policy of the organization or fund raising. However, it is not only in the big cities that BBYO provides a means of Jewish affiliation for youth.

The Toronto office at present serves Oakville, St. Catharines, Hamilton, London and Peterborough.

The BBYO attempts to carry out a balanced program of recreation, culture, religion and community service. Since 1939, the B'nai B'rith Girls have been responsible for the serving of Passover trays at Mt. Sinai Hospital. B'nai B'rith youth annually are assigned an area to canvass by the United Way. Each summer its members travel to Israel for intensive study tours and to Camp B'nai B'rith, Starlight, Pennsylvania, for summer long leadership camps.

The Ontario B'nai B'rith Youth program is administered from its office at 15 Hove Street, Downsview. Perhaps the most popular local program is the annual Kallah, an intensive four-day institute of traditional Judaism in which the participants experience, under rabbinical guidance, the joy of the Jewish religion.

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**Section 516 of The Municipal Act provides in part as follows:**

**"In ascertaining the names and school support of all persons assessed for the purpose of preparation of the collector's roll, the Clerk, in addition to the index book provided for by Section 60 of The Separate Schools Act, shall be guided by the list supplied to him under Section 23 of The Assessment Act, as revised and certified."**

**A person or his authorized agent may apply to the Clerk of the Borough of North York to have his name included in the list or to have the information contained therein corrected if it is in error.**

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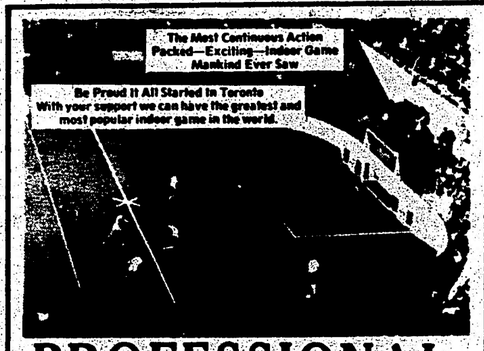
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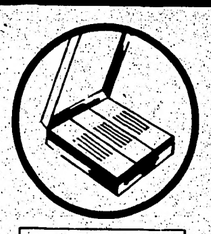

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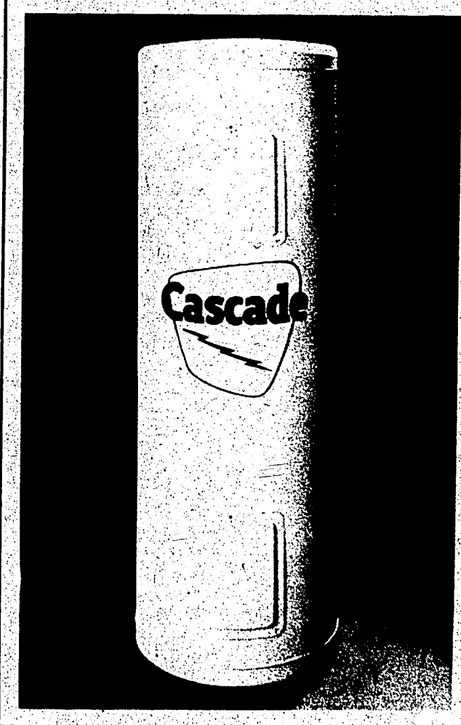


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## Arts

# Play 'too good to ignore' despite racist references

Forrest Tucker

**theatre**

By LYNN SLOTKIN

Do you damn and try to ignore a superbly written play because it contains anti-Semitic references? I'm sure this question has been argued pro and con whenever a play with this element has appeared. And now it will come up again with Jason Miller's play, **That Championship Season**, now at the Royal Alexandra Theatre. The answer in almost any case is no, you can't damn it.

If a play proves itself, if it is excellently written, honest, relevant and powerful, then it must be accepted as a whole, and not condemned because of a distasteful part.

**That Championship Season** has proven itself. It has won the Tony Award for best Broadway play of 1972-73, the New York Critics Award and the Pulitzer Prize. It's quality cannot be denied.

Miller has written a play about five men, four former school chums and their coach, the man who led them to win the Pennsylvania high school basketball championship 20 years before. Every year thereafter they have had a reunion at the coach's house.

This reunion is a little different. They are there not only to reminisce about the good old days, and there is a considerable amount of reminiscing, but also to make plans, under the coach's guidance, for the re-election of one of their group (named George), as mayor.

The tactics are dirty, despicable and underhanded. The coach and company are going to hammer at the fact that the opponent (named Sharmen) is a Jew who changed his name from Sharmawitz; a man who had a relative who might have been a Communist. The fact that Sharmen is concerned, dynamic and progressive - is overlooked by the group. But this does not make the play anti-Semitic. This "team" has a derogatory name for every group that is not white and Catholic. They hit at the Jew the hardest because he is the opponent.

And what of this once championship team? We slowly learn they won the title by devious means. One player broke the ribs of a better playing opponent because the coach told him "to stop him." Now 20 years later their "team" is made of a group of losers, in a sense.

Tom is an alcoholic; James is a 38-year-old whine who is humiliated and betrayed by the group yet comes back for more; Phil is an adulterer whose strip mining business is ecologically dangerous; George (says Sharmen) isn't "smart enough to be corrupt" - he thinks wrong is right if you win; the coach lives in the past, and is a bigot who hates the Jews because he thinks they were the indirect cause of his father's death. Yet the coach is a power in his boys' lives. When it looks as if all unity will disintegrate, he cajoles and rallies them all to unite.

And that is the most disturbing part of the play, because as you leave the theatre, trying to sort out all the levels and symbolism (George and his corrupt administration is like Nixon and his; the super bigot coach is like super bigot Hitler) you begin to wonder whether George and friends will really lose the election.

From hints in Miller's play I can only conclude that they win - these corrupt bigots win. They win because the town backs losers - George's predecessor was an alcoholic, now it has George. At one point the coach tells how he was given a speeding ticket but the officer, "took one look at me and ripped up the ticket. Because he happened to remember that we gave this defeated town something to be proud of . . . a victory! We won the town in that year."

And finally, Tom, a marvellous sort of Shakespearean fool of the 20th Century, a man who knows and speaks the truth, says of Sharmen, "He's a Jew - that's good enough to beat him in this town."

To me, Miller also seems to be saying these goings on are not right, but they happen, what are you going to do about it?

As good as the play is, the rest of the production under the excellent direction of A.J. Antoon matches it. The cast of five is a cohesive unit playing with and off of each other. Forrest Tucker is proud, boisterous, and passionate as the coach. Phillip R. Allen quietly underplays the part of Tom, the alcoholic; as he gets drunker and his eye lids lower, his lines get sharper so that the truth and humor are echoed loud and clear.

Santo Loquasto's solid, sombre, old looking set of the coach's house is best described by a Jacques Brel lyric - "It smells of time"; it's full of memories and yesterday.

**That Championship Season** is too good a play to be ignored and too full of truth to be denied.

# King of panoramas has shot 250,000

By ALBERT SION

MONTREAL -

Sam Breitman may be the only man in the world to have photographed, in color, a quarter of a million people in one pose.

His achievement is all the greater considering that he used a 1905 vintage camera, the Folmer Graflex Cirkut, which was out of production when he acquired it in 1940 for $200. "For years I used it as it was designed to be, with black and white," says Breitman, "then I got the idea of color panoramics; nobody had done that before."

Making the idea a reality was not easy. Breitman got in touch with Kodak for suitable color film, eight inches by five feet, and because it had to be custom made, it took him eight years to obtain it.

The 60-lb. camera, which stands on a tripod and can swivel right round, had to be adapted. Its automatic rotation had to be slowed for color photography and a new lens had to be made.

"At last, two years ago, all technicalities were dealt with and I could get down to actual photography." Since then Breitman has been taking pictures all over the world, both on assignments and on his own initiative.

He has photographed the Montreal Expos on opening day: a 270 degree shot where first and third base appear to make one continuous line. He photographed Nixon's inauguration at the moment of his swearing-in.

The New York Senate invited him to take a circular inside picture while in session, which was a first for any photographer. "I hope to one day do the same in Canada's Parliament, and then for all provinces."

Breitman, a Canadian-born Jew, recalls "I taught myself photography during the late '30s and my interest in panoramics dates from then, when I saw some old World War I troop photos." Now, at 56, he is the owner of a thriving business, Federal Photos, located in Montreal's Chateau Champlain.

Asked if he intends to expand his company, Breitman answered: "I am an artist, I have to do the work myself; can you imagine Picasso franchising his methods?"

Dames at Sea

# *Dell revue 'nifty' presentation of '30s corn*

**theatre**

By JENIVA BERGER

From left, Julie Amato, Deborah Packer and Charlene Shipp, and (from front) Bob Ainslie, Angelo Ruffo and Alex Laurier star in Dames At Sea at the Theatre in The Dell.

Toronto has become an avid cabaret town in the last half dozen years. Granted, not all musical revues draw audiences to their intimate shores, but a good many, as long as they're professional, slick, and colorful, stand a good chance of stretching from one season to the next.

**Dames at Sea**, the musical dumpling which has just docked at Bill Delaurentis' Upstairs at the Dell falls into that latter category. Months from now, I'll warrant you, these **Dames** will still be anchored at Elm St.

The show, which had a grand off-Broadway run, took five years to arrive in this port. Delaurentis knows a good commodity when he sees it. He also knows that the nostalgia kick is still riding high. The show spoofs the musical films of the '30s and it would be unfair to say that if you've never seen a Ginger Roger's early flick you wouldn't enjoy it, but it helps.

Dialogue like "Broadway is filled with broken dreams," or "Kid, you're gonna make it, all it takes is practice!" is guaranteed high camp for post war babies, but if you really recall the day when Eleanor Powell's tapping was a stimulant and the sequins stole the show, **Dames at Sea** will do more than amuse you; you'll feel a little homesick for that long ago era when movies were made to chase the blues away, not dissect them.

The show, needless to say, revels in cliches and the story jumps right into movie hackland as a chubby kid from Centreville, Utah called, what else, Ruby, walks into a Broadway theatre itching to do a show. She's hindered by, in short order, a predatory star named Mona Kent, and the fact that the theatre is to be torn down. Enter the hero, a song-writing sailor who falls in love with Ruby, saves the day by moving the sinking production to his battleship and in the interim almost gets swallowed up by Mona. But the star opts for the rich sea captain when her sea legs collapse and our little girl from Utah steps into the spotlight garnering applause, a contract, marriage and her man.

The young director-choreographer, 24-year-old Joel Greenberg isn't old enough to remember all that corn firsthand but has a nice feeling for the broadness and the banality and has squeezed the lemon dry in both departments. Given the Dell's tiny work area, he's staged the show economically and effectively, though it would have been nice to see brighter sets. Don't expect any subtlety in book or lyrics. Composer Jim Wise and writers George Hamisohn and Robin Miller take-off film gems like Broadway Melody with little mercy in their hearts, but their humor is in the right places.

Torchy Julie Aamto, whose versatility continues to amaze me, plays the vamp Mona with eyes, shoulders, torso and the rest of her working overtime. She also happens to have the best lines, but big-eyed Deborah Packer was made for the role of the tough skinned chorus hoofer with a heart of bubble gum. Charlene Shipp as Ruby is a natural infanta innocenta with her round and rosy looks and her little chin stuck out as if she's been forced to eat her pablum cold. The men aren't given as much to do, but Angelo Ruffo and Bob Ainslie dance brightly as they swab the decks and Alex Laurier does double duty as a beset producer and love smitten battleship captain.

For what it is, **Dames at Sea** is, if you'll forgive the '30s lingo, nifty entertainment. My only problem was that I kept waiting for the walls to swing open and 200 Busby Berkely chorines to come out dancing **The Carioca**.


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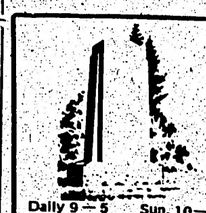

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Emotions were strong last week as 8,000 persons turned up at a solidarity rally with Israel at Toronto's Royal York Hotel. Crowd sobs (left) while Cantor Harold Klein (top right, left) chants El Moleh Rachanim. The same portion of the crowd (bottom right) clap enthusiastically during one of the uplifting speeches. With Cantor Klein on the dais are (from left): Murray Koffler, 1974 UJA chairman, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, CIC Central Region Chairman and Philip Givens, Canadian Zionist Federation president.

# Anti-Semitic slogans are eradicated

TORONTO -

A number of anti-Semitic slogans, part of the recent outbreak appearing in the city, have been eradicated by Jewish paint squads, **The Canadian Jewish News** has learned. The painters were organized by the B'nai B'rith League For Human Rights, said Steve Ain, associate director of community relations, Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region.

Other slogans have been reported covered with Stars of David and Jewish Defence League slogans, by Al Applebaum, Toronto JDL chairman. "It is hoped that all Jews will immediately take similar action upon coming across any anti-Semitic signs," said Applebaum.

Metro Police Sergeant George Crowe told **The CJN** he felt there had been a levelling off of such incidents. "Everyone has been on alert in regard to this activity and I am sure it is being looked after adequately," he said, commenting on earlier confusion, which saw Metro Police Information Service Inspector Thomas Parish disclaim CJC reports that police had been informed of the outbreak.

However, Crowe said, "we don't arrest for that (painting of anti-Semitic slogans). It's not an indictable offence." He explained, "in the case of private property we have to have a complaint and other times there may be some question as to the owner of the property . . . If an officer saw somebody painting such a slogan, though, he would take some action. I don't know what as it would be up to the officer to perform his duty as he saw fit."

"If you can catch somebody," Ain disagreed, "we can prosecute them under the anti-hate law. Whether we could get a conviction, we don't know."

# *Union raises $30,000 for Bonds*

TORONTO -

Major ethnic groups in the International Ladies Garment Workers Union are participating in a payroll deduction program which has already raised more than $30,000, for the Emergency Israel Bond Campaign, according to Abe Magerman, business agent for the Toronto workers local.

ILGWU manager Willie Villano and business agent Jim Kitts on the committee with Magerman report that workers in the industry from the Italian, Greek, Portugese and other ethnic communities enthusiastically endorsed the plan to provide Israel with additional funds through payroll deductions for the purchase of Israel Bonds.

"More and more workers are signing up every day and we hope we will be well over the $50,000 mark in a few days," Magerman estimated.

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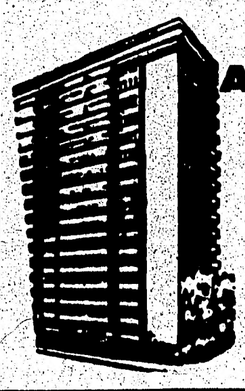

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# Citizens' tribunal aids the elderly obtain pensions

By ELLIE COLEMAN

MONTREAL -

Receiving an old age pension is as simple as presenting the government with a birth certificate proving a 65-year age. Or as difficult, because a substantial number of naturalized Canadians, a good proportion of them Jewish, have no birth certificate to present.

People experiencing this difficulty are expected to provide at least two documents whose dates of birth correspond. This might be a medical certificate, school registration form, naturalization papers or a marriage licence. It is sometimes impossible to comply with these regulations, however.

For citizens who have no proof of age, or at best, conflicting documents, there is a special procedure which determines if and when old age security payments should start. A temporary citizens' tribunal considers the case of the applicant and renders its decision to a government representative.

This method was used recently at Allied Jewish Community Services' Golden Age Association, where a government representative from the old age security department, Armand Poitras, formed a citizens' tribunal from persons chosen by the association's executive director, Florence Kirshner.

The Golden Age Association Centre was chosen as the place for the proceedings because many of Canada's Jewish aged are among those whose pensions have been delayed for months due to their inability to provide the necessary proof of age.

The tribunal consisted of three citizens, one acting as a chairman, another sitting as a member, and a third acting as representative for the applicant. The third person was in most cases a relative or friend of the applicant.

Each of the tribunal members had a vote. After the presentation of the application by Poitras, the applicant was questioned by the two neutral members of the tribunal. They then discussed the case with the applicant and his representative. The three members voted immediately after, and their decision against or in favor of accepting the date of birth to which the applicant was attending determined when pension payments were to begin.


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